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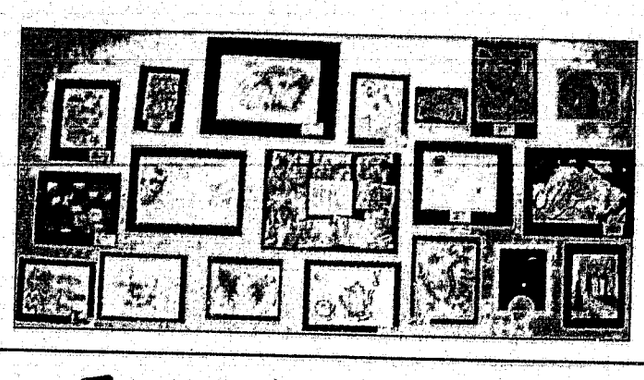

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Serving Bethel and neighboring communities in the mountains of western Maine

Hailey Steward, 5, and her mom, Tabaitha, in front of their Christmas tree at their West Bethel home. Hailey was diagnosed with leukemia in October and is now in her 10th week of chemotherapy at Maine Medical Center. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

Facebook, humor help kindergartener in her longterm battle against leukemia

By ALISON ALOISIO

Five-year-old Hailey Steward of West Bethel is fighting leukemia with the help of her doctors, family and almost 10,000 friends on Facebook.

Hailey is the daughter of Tabaitha and John Steward. She was diagnosed with leukemia in early October, after a long summer of high fevers and other symptoms that doctors struggled to find a cause for.

Since then, she has endured stays in the hospital, many needles, nine weeks of chemotherapy and painful side effects.

But last week, Hailey was all smiles as she showed off her Beanie Babies and talked about getting better.

Although she has not lost her hair so far, a stepped-up regimen of chemo beginning this week may change that. But Tabaitha has helped her daughter prepare for the possibility.

"Bald means you're going to get better," Tabaitha tells Hailey.

Replies Hailey, "I'm getting my hats ready.'

She has plenty of them – friends and family have made sure of that.

The Stewards are hopeful for Hailey's recovery, thanks to an optimistic prognosis from doctors. It helps them face another two more years of chemo, which would taper later next year to once a month if the first, intensive phase is successful. Mom and daughter are currently commuting to Portland for treatments at Barbara

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Sheriff: Number of Bethel incident calls down in OCSD years

By ALISON ALOISIO

Over the two-and-one-half years since the Oxford County Sheriff's Department took over coverage of Bethel from the Bethel Police Department, the total number of incidents reported has dropped.

Sheriff Wayne Gallant attributes the decline to an increased number of both county and state police officers in Bethel.

"At the start we had lots of calls," he said last week. "But visibility is one of the best deterrents."

It's not just the visibility of the officer on duty, however. It's the presence of the OCSD substation officer at the Norway Savings Bank building on Parkway, said Gallant.

Deputies patrolling in other area towns often come to that station instead of South Paris to do paperwork and other tasks.

"People see one or two cruisers at the office or traveling through town, it has an effect on the traveling public and on the criminal element," he said. "The State Police also use our office in Bethel, so you see more activity. A big presence is slowing down call volumes."

Gallant provided statistics on incident calls for the past three years.

In 2010 calls (including those for the first half of the year, when the Beth-

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Greenwood ponders staffing fire station on costly holidays

By CHERRI CROCKETT
Special to the Bethel Citizen

With the knowledge that they must pay town employees double time if they work on holidays, Greenwood selectmen are pondering whether to continue manning their fire station on those days.

The question arose at the last board meeting when selectmen noticed how much is paid out for holidays.

Chairman Fred Henderson asked Fire Chief Al Curtis his thoughts on the situation.

"We don't find that we need to man the station on Christmas or the Fourth of July due to so many [firefighters] being around town," said Curtis. "My guys have agreed that if this comes down to a money issue, we will just make sure we have someone around town during the holidays in question. We need to be here for our community and to keep our residents safe."

"I don't see why we need to fix something that doesn't seem broken," said Selectman Amy Chapman.

"Maybe we need to pick and choose the holidays we cover and pay accordingly," said Selectman Arnie Jordan. "I guess we're looking to make some kind of compromise."

The board elected to wait until the Dec. 18 meeting to decide, in order to give the issue more thought. The decision will take effect Jan. 1.

Curtis also told the board that they have seen an increase in calls to cover other departments because of accidents and the need for traffic control.

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THS senior plans firefighting career, but already serves his communities

By ALISON ALOISIO

In 10 days Telstar High School senior Cody Smith will celebrate his 18th birthday by becoming a full-fledged member of the Rumford and Andover fire departments.

It's another step toward his goal of becoming a career firefighter in a large city – and another example of how he's dedicating his life to helping others.

When Cody was in elementary school, he and a friend decided they wanted to be policemen. "We talked about never wanting to be firefighters," Cody remembers.

Things changed for Cody when his mom, Penny, married Ernie Peare, a member of the Rumford Fire Department.

Cody, who splits his time living in both Rumford and Andover, started hanging out at the Rumford station with Ernie. He decided maybe firefighting deserved a second look.

Today, Cody is junior firefighters with the Andover department, and Cody volunteers in the same capacity in Rumford. He's been doing it since he was 15.

Because he's not yet 18, Cody's work is limited to a support role. He can help set up hoses at a fire scene, along with such tasks as providing water and food for firefighters. He also helps with cleanup.

Cody estimates he's been to about a dozen significant fires since he became a junior firefighter.

In addition to serving the community, his volunteer work with the departments ties in with his studies for the past two years in fire science at the Region 9 School of Applied Technology in Mexico.

"I have all the certifications I need to be on call for Andover and Rumford," he said. All he needs now is to turn 18.

After he graduates from Telstar, "I plan to go to Southern Maine Community College next year and study fire science," Cody said.

But he won't stop there. "I'm going to do two years as a paramedic," he said. "Then I want to move to a big city, like Boston."

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A band for all ages

By ALISON ALOISIO

For some new members of the Mahoosuc Community Band, playing is a matter of remembering what they learned decades ago.

For others, it's just a continuation of what they are learning now.

The band was formed in 1994 to fill a musical void created in the community when SAD 44 eliminated the district music program.

The members were mostly people who had learned to play an instrument in the past through school programs.

The group has grown steadily over the years, and with the return of the SAD 44 program, now boasts members from all generations. At this week's annual Christmas concert, about 30 musicians turned out.

The band practices once a week, and performs regularly throughout the year, including Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, Mollyockett Day, and concerts in schools and on the Bethel Common.

For older recruits, said member Jane Chandler, "one of our standard jokes is that when a new person first shows up, they have to 'fess up' and say how many years since they played. For some people it's been 40 years and the music comes back."

As it comes back for older members, the youngest members are still learning

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Letters

PUT DOG PARK IN NEWRY

To the Editor:

Recently I read a letter to the editor in the Bethel Citizen signed by Steve Wight about his support for a Dog Park. I assume he is still a Newry resident.

Newry and Bethel seem to be intertwined in many things. The Chamber of Commerce, SAD 44 school, the dump, Bingham Trust land, and even the cross-country trails merger confirms this.

Maybe a Dog Park in Newry would be beneficial to the skiway and Newry residents, which Bethel dog lovers could use as a joint venture. Dogs in other towns also deserve to run and be free as proposed in Bethel.

Robert Blake
Dog Owner/Lover
Bethel

FREE RETAIL TRAINING

To the Editor:

The "Seller Server Training for Off-premise Licensees" is designed to better equip management, store clerks and licensees on identifying and preventing violations of specific liquor laws with an emphasis on underage and high-risk drinkers. Along with learning about these laws, training is provided on some ways to identify minors and visibly intoxicated persons and the importance of having good policy to refer to when dealing with them. The training often leads to reduced insurance rates. More importantly however, it will help reduce the risk of making costly and/or tragic unlawful sales. The key points in the training include: Identifying minors and intoxicated patrons; Intervention to prevent a patron from drinking and driving under the influence; How alcohol is ingested and metabolized by the body; What alcoholism is and how alcohol affects the body; False ID detection and carding policy; The importance of good written policies; The Liquor Liability Act. This is a 4½ hour State of Maine Approved Program. The training will be held on Dec. 17, 2012 at the Mexico Police Department, 3 Recreation Drive, Mexico. The training will begin promptly at 8 a.m. and finish at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required and lunch will be provided.

Certificates good for three years will be provided to all that complete post-test. For more information please contact Sandra Witas at River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition 364.7408 or rvhccwitas@gwi.net.

Sandra Witas
River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition

REMEMBER THE PANTRY

To the Editor:

Several decades ago local residents started the Bethel Area District Exchange and Food Pantry. The idea was to sell donated used clothing to raise money for our local Food Pantry which helps area folks who are in a crisis.

The idea worked well and we continue today. The people we help through the Food Pantry are referred to us by towns, churches, and social service organizations. Frequently those people are too proud to ask for help when they need it.

Besides the money raised from the resale of clothing, donations have been a very important source of Food Pantry revenue. Please remember the Food Pantry and local people in crisis with a donation to the Food Pantry. Everyone involved is a volunteer.

Donations can be mailed to: Bethel Area District Exchange and Food Pantry, PO Box 232, Bethel, ME 04217.

Betsey Foster, director; Maryvonne Wheeler, treasurer,
Bethel Area District Exchange and Food Pantry

BIRTHDAY THANKS

To the Editor:

I want to thank everyone that attended my recent surprise 80th birthday party that was held at the C.E.B. in Andover on Dec. 1st. Thank you to all of my children, grandchildren and my niece Cheryl Morton for planning this party and making it a special day for me.

Thank you to all of the friends and family that came to share this day with me, for the gifts, the delicious food and for the chance to reminisce.

The party was a wonderful surprise to me. Honorary guests included The Reverend Jane and Dina Cutting.

Thank you again.

Owen Morton
Andover

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TMS JAMBOREE A GREAT EVENT

To the Editor:

It's impossible to convey how truly incredible it was to experience Telstar Middle School's ArtReach Jamboree and Student Art Sale which took place last Thursday evening at Telstar Auditorium. Those of you who were there know what I mean, and those of you who were not...I'm so sorry you missed it! Although we live in a time of extraordinary technology that offers more and more ways to communicate and "connect" with others all over the world, too often I feel as though we become more "disconnected" with those closest to us and so much that takes place "in our own backyards," so to speak. I'm thankful to say that for anyone fortunate enough to attend last Thursday's event, this was NOT the case...it was clearly a "wonder-full connection" involving students, teachers, event volunteers, performers of all ages, and audience members.

For a number of years now many students at Telstar Middle School have been inspired and guided by their amazing art teacher, Melissa Prescott, whose dedication to creative service-learning has resulted in several projects that not only provide extensive learning opportunities for our students but also "help" others in our community and beyond. To name a few, they have honored the lovely, unforgettable Nancy Young by raising funds for the American Cancer Society, helped with the trail system between Telstar and Middle Intervale Road, established and continue with the "Got Farms" gardening project, and in December of each year Mrs. Prescott's art students have presented their "ArtReach" program. Traditionally this event has presented a student art display, with many pieces offered for sale, and also an art auction of items donated by local artists with proceeds from the sales donated to assist with various community needs. This year's event, however, replaced the "auction" with a musical "Jamboree" that featured the musical expression of older generations and to say it was a "hit" is a vast understatement!

Yes, this year's ArtReach service learning project focused on connecting students with area senior citizens. They worked on oral history interviews and related visual art projects, they investigated issues important to seniors, and worked with adults and elders on several creative collaborations. The results of their efforts were showcased Thursday evening with impressive student art displays and the musical "Jamboree" featuring student emcees and technicians and local performers, including the long-standing senior citizen based community icon, "The Richard Felt Band"! Besides outstanding performances (some of which allowed students to see some of the teacher's and administrator's astounding musical talents!) there were also fun surprises, such as a huge "flash mob" of dancers where students, teachers, and interested parties suddenly appeared from everywhere and entertained the audience with an electrifying presentation of "Gangnam Style" dancing! It was SO UPLIFTING to see students and teachers dancing together and having such fun! I'm glad to say the fun continued when Middle School students enthusiastically danced to the music of the Richard Felt Band and later joined them on stage to collaborate by singing a song with them. It was priceless to say the least...the perfect example of people of all ages brought together by the age old, tried and true traditions...music and dance!

Then, as a finale students remained on stage with the Richard Felt Band (whose performance was assisted by the Middle School's fabulous music teacher, Tom Coolidge!) while being joined by several other of the evening's performers, and audience members, to all sing "I Saw The Light," the 1948 song written and performed by the legendary Hank Williams. Who'd have ever imagined such a thing? Thank goodness Mrs. Prescott, her students, and her volunteers did...it was awesome!

To top it all off, although no admission was charged for this event, proceeds from student art sales and donations received will be presented to the Oxford County Meals on Wheels program. The connection of ages and efforts that evening was beyond heartwarming...it was inspiring, it was hopeful, it was helpful, and to have been even a tiny part of this evening was beyond gratifying. As I've heard from so many others who were there, "We need more times like this!"

Thank you so much Telstar Middle School students, Mrs. Prescott, and all who helped with this event!

Jewel Clark
Bethel

Celladore

'How do you like the climate?'

To the little room between the study and the kitchen, draw that shade and shut out the stars over the pumphouse. This room is a perfect example to show that some wasted space in a house makes for livability. It serves as a hallway so that one can make a circle through the house and not backtrack through a single room. B.B. uses it for a shaving parlor. He took an old rolltop desk, sunk a sink in the middle, hung a big mirror over it. With two kerosene lamps, one on each side, he can see quite well. Toilet articles are stored in the drawers. The treadle sewing machine is there. For a party, everything on top can be whisked away and presto it is a barroom. Deep shelves in back of the cellar stairs are a wonderful storage space for tinned food, lamp chimneys, soil testing kit, vases. Under the shelves a three-foot-long deep drawer with holes bored all over the bottom was used before refrigeration to utilize cool cellar air to keep produce fresh, eggs, berries. There were a lot of exposed pipes about in this room. We talked of calling this the pipe room, or the shaving parlor. Originally it was the pantry and the name always stuck as if the old house resisted a change in its functions. I stuffed newspapers in around the water pipes under the sink.

On to the kitchen, more newspapers stuffed in between the casement window and the double window outside. I wondered why in old houses the plumbing is always on the north side. The first time that our pipes had frozen B.B. used a blow torch to thaw them. Telling Dot and Burton, our neighbors, about it evolved an easier solution. On the very few occasions after that when the pipes froze, we followed their advice. Set a lighted lantern on some newspapers in the sink, and forget it. By noontime at the latest we would hear the welcome drip, drip and then a gush of water. The pipes were thawed, no fuss.

Back to the study, I aroused B.B. from his book. He went to the furnace for a pail of hot coals which he took out and set in the six-foot-square cavity between the open well and the pumphouse floor as a precaution against the section of exposed pipe there freezing. To the barn and gave the horses an extra ration of grain. Topside and pulled the curtains in the bedrooms. It was like sleeping in a cave. We missed seeing the lights of town shining out in the valley. We were ready for a below-zero night.

I am not an enthusiastic early riser but after the first below-zero night, I am up and away in an old green wool bathrobe. I throw up the study shades to read the thermometer; ten below. It will be twenty in the valley. I open the four faucets, water runs from each, nothing is frozen. I make a fire in the black stove, put on a kettle for coffee, go to the cellar and rake hot coals to the front and put logs on the fire. On with my old Hudson Bay coat, wool socks and stags and dash to the barn through the frosty chill. The horses hear me coming and call for their breakfast. I dip up the grain and never fail to marvel at the burst of warm air which bursts forth when I pry open the frost-edged feed doors. The beasts crunch happily as the hay goes in. Back to the house, already quite warm. If a man from Mars should call in now, he would certainly think earth folk wore strange garb. I get dressed thinking of the old-fashioned cartoons of women in wrappers and curlpapers and make a resolve, which I do not often keep, to get dressed properly the first thing in the morning. The lure of knowing the temperature and if any water pipes are frozen outweighs the desire to be attractively attired.

I mix hotcakes for breakfast as B.B. comes down. He never understands why on the worst mornings I am up early and on good ones I sleep. The secret of luscious hotcakes is using real sour milk. Some folks use a mix, worthless food. Others put a few drops of vinegar into homogenized milk. Civilized cooks use raw milk, set it aside in an old coffee jar for a few days until tiny curds appear.

Now it is really winter, the cold has come to stay. We have been prepared for it and have not been bested. All is serene as we leisurely have our breakfast. After such a night, the mercury usually rises by midmorning. On a few rare days it hovers near zero all day. This is a day to do up some once-a-year chores such as scouring the bottoms of all the pots and pans, making up a batch of aprons for church fairs. B.B. brings in tack and cleans saddles and bridles as I work.

"How do you stand the cold?" we are asked. First, you accept it as a reality that will be present for a while; it cannot be escaped. You wear warm clothing; slacks, boots, mittens. Long before pants suits became fashionable, we country folk wore our dress-up pants if going out on a bitter evening. I have never been as cold in Maine as on Boylston Street in Boston, on Fifth Avenue near the Public Library lions, or on the lakefront in Chicago. We do not suffer at all from the cold and merely smile in answer to our city non-skiing friends. We think a difficult climate is one with tornadoes, typhoons, high humidity, floods or dust storms. Our only dramatic weather performances are a few severe summer thunderstorms, or a rare winter blizzard.

Henry Hudson's lost crew never played their game of tenpins along the Hudson River more zestfully than they do in the Androscoggin River Valley. Storms follow the river, spilling over onto the hills and mountains on each side. I remember vividly my first thundershower. We were living in the Caswell house, the lightning came in on the telephone wire, a red flash snaked along it and outside into the ground. We were frightened. Mary Jane, our tiny silver-haired doll of a grandmother, gathered us around her and told us stories to divert our attention. The water was needed for green grass and wells, nothing to fear from the lightning; if we saw it, then it was too late for it to touch us. We went outside and played in the rain, tried leaping and staying in the air the length of a lightning flash.

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Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Bethel Fire Department published a "Beefcakes of the BFD" calendar.

Organizers of Bethel's Living Nativity were seeking volunteers to take part in the annual event.

Births: Emalee Rae Coffin, Maegan Skye Murphy, Kiaya Lillian Gatchell, Taylor Jean Brown, Juliann Marie Francis.

Deaths: Thelma B. Knight, William E. Thornton, Jr.

20 years ago: Tim Korhonen and his team, Ben and Jerry, gave wagon rides at the CPS family fun day.

Musa Brown retired after 33 years of service as the Bethel Citizen Office Manager.

Deaths: Florence A. Lovejoy, Roger C. Sabin, Evelyn B. Cockburn.

30 years ago: Duane L. Gilbert, Sr. was appointed Plant Manager of the Ekco Wood Products Co. of Locke Mills.

Chris Cordwell received a free week at Cub Scout camp for selling the most popcorn – 77 buckets – in the Snowshoe District sale.

Birth: Nicholas Andrew Tifft.

Death: Margaret Barth Ellis.

40 years ago: Bethel native Miss Alice L. Mundt retired after 44 years as librarian of the Worcester Art Museum.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 659 presented their Christmas Gift of Songs at the Bethel Senior Citizens meeting.

Birth: Emily Barker Keyes.

Deaths: Donald Norvin Humphrey, Warren A. (Fon) Thompson, J. Millard Fraser, Mrs. Ethel P. Bisbee, Mrs. Mary A. Abbott.

50 years ago: Guy Butler, owner of the Bethel Inn, was re-elected president of the Maine Hotel Association.

The Bethel highway crew had completed preparations for winter, including putting up about 1,000 feet of storm fence and stockpiling 1,200 yards of salted sand.

Births: Rodney Bernard Harrington 2nd, Gregory Elwood Newell.

60 years ago: In a robbery at the office of A. W. Walker & Son at South Paris $400 was taken from the safe.

Thirty-seven 4-H clubs were organized in Oxford County.

70 years ago: The Frank Stevens home at South Bethel was totally destroyed in an early morning fire. Nothing was saved.

Captain Leslie Coburn, Lt. Edwin Brown, Sgts. Clinton Morrison and Richard Stevens of Co. 4. MSGR, were attending Tactical School at Sturbridge, Mass.

80 years ago: Five thousand trout from the Dry Mills hatchery were placed in Songo Pond, and 4,000 in Sunday River.

Deaths: Walter Lorry, J. Hebbard Aldrich, Mrs. Margaret Poole.

90 years ago: Edward Hanscom of Bethel entered the Engineering School of General Motors Company at Lynn, Mass.

Prof. W. S. Wight gave a very successful concert at Bethel Grange Hall.

Death: Mrs. Louise Purington.

100 years ago: Y.M.C.A. was organized at Gould Academy with over 30 members.

A chamber of commerce was organized at Rumford.

Death: William Russell Eames.

110 years ago: J. D. Hutchinson leased Bennett's Tavern in Gilead for several years.

A large cow moose was struck and killed by a train between Bryant Pond and West Paris.

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Hailey

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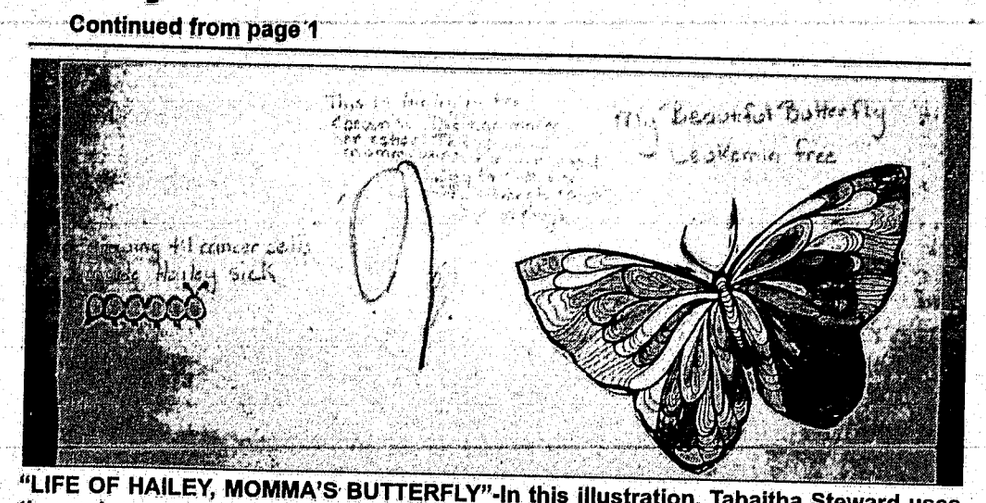

"LIFE OF HAILEY, MOMMA'S BUTTERFLY"-In this illustration, Tabaitha Steward uses the analogy of the timeline for a developing butterfly, to help Hailey picture her goal. In the three phases from caterpillar to butterfly: 1) "Growing 'til cancer cells made Hailey sick." 2) "This is Hailey in her cocoon so doctors can make her better. This is where momma wraps her arms around Hailey to give her extra strength to get her through." 3) "My beautiful butterfly, leukemia-free."

Bush Children's Hospital.

The little girl and her family have been on a roller coaster ride of emotion during the early phase. Often, says Tabaitha, "you can't tell she's sick. She'll be outside playing."

Then there are times, like last week, when she wakes up crying from the pain in her legs caused by the chemo.

Scheduled to begin kindergarten in September at the Crescent Park Elementary School, she's managed nine days of school so far, all since Thanksgiving.

Not the usual patient

Doctors tell the Stewards that ever since the unusual amount of time it took for her symptoms to become diagnosable, Hailey has not followed the typical progression of childhood leukemia. Feeling well enough at times to play outside and keeping her hair are examples.

At the hospital, said Tabaitha, 'We have medical students come in and the doctors would talk about her prognosis. As they'd leave, the doctors would say, 'She's not a typical leukemia patient."

Hailey has forged a bond with the med students even though they come and go.

"Two of them told us they're going into pediatric medicine because of Hailey," said Tabaitha. "They still stay in touch with us."

Often when a student enters the room, she said, "Hailey lifts up her leg for them to rub it [to ease the pain]."

And she teases them, "You're not a doctor – you want to be a doctor."

With Tabaitha's help, Hailey has pulled a few pranks on her caregivers. One day, they slid some rubber snakes down a chute that carries medication from one floor to the other.

"We ran down the stairs," said Tabaitha, in time to see the reaction of the nurses. "The nurses were great. They would actually scream so Hailey and the other kids could laugh."

They also had a more serious way to cope. "When something sad or scary was going to happen, we'd do something nice for someone and it would make us happy," said Tabaitha. Often they anonymously gave gifts to other children at the hospital.

Facebook

Facebook has also been a great source of support for both mother and daughter.

"When we were spending a lot of time in the hospital, we were homesick, and Hailey couldn't have many visitors," said Tabaitha. "We wanted to talk to our family and friends."

Tabaitha was already on Facebook, but to focus on Hailey's battle she started a page entitled "Hailey's Journey."

"At night I couldn't sleep because of everything that would happen during the day," said Tabaitha. "I could write them all down on Facebook, and do what I could to make fun of them."

Around Thanksgiving, Hailey said she wished she could have more friends on Facebook.

Tabaitha asked her how many, and the little girl responded with a million. Mom worked her down to 10,000.

"We put out the word over Thanksgiving weekend," said Tabaitha, hoping to hit the mark by Christmas.

The response has been overwhelming. They've learned since that there is a 5,000-friend limit, and that number was reached this week. But Tabaitha created a second page – a fan page entitled "Prays and Love for Hailey's Journey" – where people can "like" her. With that adjustment, Hailey was within about 2,500 of her 10,000 goal Wednesday.

She now has friends from all over the country and the world, and the messages of support keep coming.

"There's a lady who every night writes something sweet," said Tabaitha. "She tells Hailey to call her 'Grandma Honeybuns.'"

People post all kinds of photos as well. Animal pictures are a favorite for Hailey.

When Hailey has been able to go to school, she's had plenty of support from her big brother, Jared, who's 10.

'He checks on her through the day, carries her bag for her and gets her on and off the bus," said Tabaitha. "He's a good big brother."

Hailey and her family have much ahead of them, but Tabaitha believes Hailey has what it takes to get through it.

"She's amazing. I tell her, 'You are one of the toughest little girls I know.'"

OCSD

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el Police Department was still in existence), totaled 1,573; in 2011 1,416; and through Dec. 6 this year, 1,134.

Because this year is not yet over and calls typically increase as the ski season gets underway, no final conclusion can yet be drawn.

"We're having a little lull right now because ski season hasn't started yet," Gallant said. "We will pick up with OUIs."

The incidents are broken down into some 90 categories. In some individual categories, the numbers increased from one year to another.

OUIs are an example: in 2010 they totaled 13; in 2011 35; and through Dec. 6 this year, nine.

That was also true for total arrests: in 2010, 54 adults were arrested; in 2011 81, and through Dec. 6, 41.

The five categories with the largest numbers were: property-damage traffic accidents (123 in 2010, 105 in 2011,. 68 in 2012); traffic offenses (123 in 2010, 107 in 2011, 96 in 2012); property theft (80 in 2010, 56 in 2011, 54 in 2012); suspicious activity (76 in 2010, 58 in 2011, 47 in 2012); and response to alarms (73 in 2010, 95 in 2011, 93 in 2012). Most alarm calls prove to be false alarms.

Gallant said the primary reason for residential burglaries in recent years has been the theft of copper for sale as scrap metal.

As for what he sees as the primary driving force behind crime in general, "the economy has some effect on crimes, but as far as I'm concerned addiction is the driving factor."

Gallant was asked what he has heard for reaction from residents on seeing more officers and cruisers in Bethel.

"Every once in a while we get somebody who says 'It seems like overkill up here,' but I tell them this is one of our functioning offices," he said.

But most comments are supportive, he said.

"One man who was dead set against us taking over said, 'I didn't think it was going to work, but this has worked out great for us,'" said Gallant.

Greenwood

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"The county and state are depending on us to cover traffic while they're getting the reports done," he said. "Often we're the ones still waiting there when the wrecker comes and the cops are long gone."

Curtis said the firefighters are mandated to take an eight-hour traffic control class each year to stay abreast of regulation.

"I'd like to see us concentrating more on fires than on traffic control," said Jordan.

Curtis agreed, and added, "It's almost like we have become the default for traffic."

He also said a trend in southern Maine could come to this area. "York County has seen an increase in the amount of fires they're having due to foreclosure. They're having one call for a fire and then a few minutes later another call comes in. People are realizing the department is busy with one and someone sets another.

It's not a good sign, but it's reality."

As for Greenwood aiding other towns on calls, Curtis said, "My mind goes back to Mt. Abram [a fire in 2011]. We really needed help that night and we got it. I would hate to think we wouldn't have that coverage if something else of that size happened."

Henderson said, "It costs money, but it's not a bad thing to cover other towns. It might be us again someday."

Cody

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Helping his elders

But firefighting isn't the only way Cody contributes to the community. For the past two years he has volunteered, and now also works, at the Victorian Villa Rehabilitation and Living Center in Canton.

He started visiting the center with his mother, who is an LPN there.

"I just started hanging out there more and more with the residents," he said. Eventually, the staff suggested he become a formal volunteer. "They had me start calling the Bingo games because I have a loud voice," he said.

He then helped out with more activities for residents. "There's quite a few of them I've gotten close to," he said.

This year, he took a job at the Villa washing dishes, sweeping floors, bussing tables and more, averaging 15 to 20 hours a week.

But he makes sure he still gets his visiting time in. "Before I start I stop in and say 'hi' to the residents," he said.

For his commitment to the community, Cody was recently recognized by WCSH Channel 6 in Portland with their "Teens Who Care" award. He was nominated by his boss at the Victorian Villa.

What are Cody's reasons for giving his time to Andover, Rumford and the Villa?

"I like working at the Villa because elderly people are amazing, and some of them don't have family to come visit every day, so it helps that they have a nice person to talk to," he said. "I like firefighting because it is so much fun, and I get the chance to do something good with my life."

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Band

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– but that doesn't mean they don't teach their elders the skills they're mastering.

"It's a wonderful place for young people from Telstar or Gould to expand their musical experiences. And it's a great place for all of us to learn from the younger members," said Chandler.

The young musicians even take turns conducting, she said.

And what they learn with the MCB can help take them to higher levels in the world of music. Some are studying music in college.

Two are studying French Horn (one in graduate school), another is studying music education and performance while playing a baritone, and another is a music student who plays the oboe.

Among current high school student members is Telstar senior Tabitha Corriveau, who plays trombone.

"I joined the community band a few years ago," said Corriveau. "I joined because my friends had been playing in the band. I joined with my two sisters, playing only in the summer my first two years. I like playing with people who are better than I am so I can get more experience. I find playing in the community band a lot of fun. I have really enjoyed it."

Founding members

Ellen Whitney of Bethel and Brian Dunham of Greenwood are original band members.

Whitney said that in 1994, after she and Rhonda Buker of Newry watched the Memorial Day in Bethel and saw "that they had to hire an out-of-town high school band to march in order to have music, she and I talked and decided to make a few calls to some of the folks we knew were still around the area from our band years, and see if anyone was interested in starting up a community band."

A half dozen people responded initially. They worked out music and a place to practice. They found some old Telstar High School band instruments stored in SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy's barn.

"Our first goal was to play some marches in the Mollyockett parade that year, and we accomplished that. The rest is history."

In those early days members numbered around 12, she said. By the late 1990s it was around 20, Dunham said.

"Student participation was gradual," he said. "In 2005 we began reaching out to area schools - SAD 44, Oxford Hills and Rumford. We sent letters to music departments asking if they had students interested in playing in a summer band program. Over the past few years we've seen a bump in student band members because of the SAD 44 music program."

For the Christmas concert this past weekend, he said, eight musicians were high school and middle school students.

"This summer we had 44, with 16 middle and high school kids," said Dunham.

Looking down the road, he said, "a future goal is having the SAD44 band join with us at Memorial Day parades."

Parade adventures

Riding in those parades has been an adventure at times. The players are typically seated on a trailer pulled by a truck.

"The early years of doing that were most interesting, as the trailers varied in sizes and shapes and the trucks that hauled them as well," said Whitney.

The most memorable trip was behind an old dump truck.

"Between the shifting and the exhaust going up the small hill in Locke Mills, it almost did not happen, and we were all pretty well fumigated by the time we got done that day," she said. There have been times over the years when folks sat on wheel wells of trailers balancing precariously, but nobody has ever fallen off. Thankfully in recent years we have been able to borrow Robert Lowell's nice big trailer."

Anyone interested in joining the band may contact president Kathleen DeVore, (875-2364 or katdev@aol.com)

SONGS OF THE SEASON Above: the Mahoosuc Community Band plays in its annual Christmas Concert Sunday at the West Parish Congregational Church. Right: trumpets - Anneliese Smith, Julie Schubert-Cowan, Brian Dunham; baritones - Peter Southam and Kay Larson; drums - Jim Chandler. *(Photos: A. Aloisio)*

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Wish Lists

I've been pestering my grandsons for their Christmas wish lists and, surprisingly, they are a bit slow in putting them together. When they were little their lists were passed on to me long before Thanksgiving with additional items being added right up until Christmas Eve.

When they were little their wishes were also pretty easy to fulfill and at a minimal expense too. Boy, I sure miss those Fisher Price and color book and crayons days.

Now in their teens my grandsons wishes run to much more expensive and confusing video games and electronic gizmos. Because I am so clueless on such items and feel like I'm moving in uncharted territory I need their list for this year along with explanations of where to find such things.

When I ask them to please provide me with some insights the answer I most often get from them is "What's on your Christmas wish list Mimi?"

I am so stunned I don't even know how to respond. My boys are reaching a maturity level that I guess I didn't see coming. Even though I know that two of the boys are now driving and all three have set aside their childhood toys, I still think of them as my little boys. It just had not occurred to me that they are at an age when they consider the desires of others over their own. How on earth did that happen?

So, I have been pondering what ideas to pass onto my grandsons. Taking in to consideration their limited budgets I can certainly give them a list of things I enjoy like scented candles or a good book, but what I really wish for can't be purchased or wrapped and put under the Christmas tree.

My wish list for my grandsons includes, but is not limited to a life of joy, good health and many loving relationships.

I wish for them to appreciate their youth and enjoy every second of it.

I wish for them the strength to avoid temptations that are destructive to their lives and to have the integrity to never put such temptations in the paths of others.

I wish for them the tolerance and understanding that there may be people they will encounter that they don't like, but no one that they should ever hate. The understanding that there are people who look different or make different choices, but we are all equal.

I wish for my grandsons to have prosperous futures with no hardships, but also to have the strength to cope with any hardships that may come their way and the ability to learn from them.

I wish for them to respect others as well as themselves and appreciate the uniqueness of who they are and who they can be in adult life.

I wish that they will experience very few sorrows and a great deal of joy. I further wish that I will be able to comfort them through some of the sorrows should they have any and celebrate with them some of their joys. I know I can't be around forever, but I wish to be around long enough to be there for them when they need me.

And lastly, I wish for my grandsons to understand just how much I love them. They are my hearts delight and they are my legacy to carry just a little bit of me into the future.

As I said before, my wish list cannot be fulfilled with purchases from the local department store, but that will not stop me from wishing anyway.

I think all of us with children and grandchildren share many, if not all of these wishes. And I think most of us get a bit sentimental this time of the year, but that doesn't negate the sincerity of all our wishes.

I will work on my grandsons to get their wish lists from them so I can finish my Christmas shopping and I will show them this column so they will know just how I feel, but the way I see it I'd also be pretty happy with some scented candles or a few really good books.

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Andover to submit withdrawal plan to SAD 44

By EILEEN ADAMS
Sun Media Wire

The Andover Withdrawal Committee plans to submit its plan to the SAD 44 board and Superintendent David Murphy this week.

Committee member and Andover Selectman Susan Merrow said once the withdrawal plan is submitted, negotiations between the committee and the board can begin.

She said the plan has three parts:

1. Andover leaving SAD 44;

2. Establishing items the town wants to take when it leaves SAD 44, such as the Andover Elementary School and its contents, and several buses to replace those that were given to SAD 44 when Andover joined the district in the late 1960s; and

3. Presenting an outline of how the town will educate its approximately 100 students in grades K-12.

Merrow said part of the agreement includes honoring the town's share of any contracts currently in effect at SAD 44, providing transportation to whichever schools grades 6-12 will attend and myriad other items.

She said the committee has recently hired a third attorney specifically experienced in town withdrawals from school districts. He is Daniel Stockford of the law firm of Brann and Isaacson of Lewiston.

When Andover residents voted to begin the withdrawal procedure, they also agreed to use up to $24,000 from the town.

Merrow said Stockford has worked with other towns in the state in their efforts to withdraw from school districts.

The committee is also working with two pro bono lawyers who are seasonal residents of the town and former superintendents Ray Freve of Plymouth and Jack Turcotte of Arundel.

Among the research conducted by the Withdrawal Committee is whether neighboring RSU 10 could accommodate the 70 or so middle and high school students who live in Andover.

RSU 10 Superintendent Tom Ward said Mountain Valley middle and high schools have sufficient space to accommodate the students if their parents should decide to send them to one of the schools.

Students could also be tuitioned to SAD 44, or another school if desired.

Merrow said the Withdrawal Committee is also working on a draft budget that will provide sufficient funds for the town's 100 students.

Andover's share of the SAD 44 budget is currently between $500,000 and $600,000, she said.

She doubts that the budget drafted for Andover to go its own way will be less expensive.

A move by the SAD 44 board during the past two school years to close the small elementary school triggered the townspeople to begin the process for withdrawal.

The Withdrawal Committee meets at least weekly, on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. in the Andover Public Library.

The final say on whether Andover will establish its own school system will be decided by Andover residents at an election to be held once negotiations are complete.

That vote could come in the spring, Merrow said.

Fire won't stop Mt. Abram from opening Saturday

Sun Media Wire

Firefighters quickly extinguished an air compressor fire at Mt. Abram Family Resort last Thursday. Woodstock Fire Chief Geff Inman said an air compressor used in snow-making caught fire before 6 a.m., and the fire spread to a second compressor before firefighters arrived and extinguished it. Inman said the fire was out in 10 to 15 minutes. Firefighters put down absorbent mats to soak up oil that had leaked. The compressors were outdoors and the fire didn't spread beyond the two machines, Inman said. Inman and Greenwood firefighter Ray Wakefield were in charge at the scene. Greenwood Fire Chief Al Curtis was out of town. Crews from Greenwood, Woodstock and Bethel responded to the fire. According to a news release from Mt. Abram, the compressor that caught fire was rented. The unit has since been replaced and snowmaking has resumed. The ski resort plans to open for the season on Saturday, Dec. 15.

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Thursday, Dec. 6

At 11:44 a.m. Lt. Tom Harriman added a file for a sex offender moving to Oxford County.

Friday, Dec. 7

At 12:25 p.m. Deputy Josh Wyman observed a subject go into the transfer station on Route 2 and throw away trash. The deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and issued a criminal trespass summons.

At 9:20 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to a single-vehicle accident on the Walkers Mills Road. There were no injuries.

Saturday, Dec. 8

At 11:13 a.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded to Route 232 for a report of two children locked in a vehicle that was running. On arrival the car had been opened.

At 10 p.m. Deputy George Cayer responded to the West Bethel Road for a suspicious vehicle with no registration plates parked on private property.

Sunday, Dec. 9

At 11:11 p.m. on the Walkers Mills Road Deputies Sullivan Rozzo and Nate Bowie arrested Tracy Bennett, 51, of Bethel for domestic assault.

At 10:53 a.m. Lt. Chris Wainwright conducted a background investigation for a concealed weapons permit on the Flat Road.

Monday, Dec. 10

At 3:39 p.m. a caller asked to speak with an officer regarding damage to a skateboard. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication.

Oxford County Jail:

Dec. 9, 11:53 p.m.: Tracy E. Bennett, 51, of Bethel, domestic assault; by Deputy Nate Bowie in Bethel.

Dec. 9, 10:26 p.m.: Jason R. Standeven, 38, of Andover, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy George Cayer in Andover.

TREE WORK-Steve and Kristin Dacko of Bethel secure a Christmas tree to the top of their car at Lowell's Saw Shop in Bethel. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

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Saturday, December 15 JIM MCLAUGHLIN

FIRST-EVER HAIRCUT, FOR A GOOD CAUSE
Blake Tripp, 6, of Bethel had never had her hair cut until last week. That was when she donated much of it to the Locks of Love organization, which provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children who have medical hair loss. Far left, Debbie Luxton of Jade's Salon in Bethel combs out Blake's hair. Left, Blake after the cut with the hair to be donated. She was inspired to give her hair to Locks of Love for two reasons. Before Thanksgiving, her adult stepsister Stephanie donated her hair. And Blake is more aware than most youngsters of the illnesses children can experience. She has Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome, which puts her at risk for several kinds of childhood cancer, for which she must be regularly checked.
(Photos: A. Aloisio)

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

The Geminid meteor showers will peak tonight. With no moon to spoil the show, the best viewing should be from 1 to 3 a.m. on Dec. 14. The Geminids are the last meteor showers of the year, and in the past have given spectacular shows, including fireballs streaking across the sky. If the skies are clear, astronomers predict that viewers may see as many as 50 meteors an hour. The Geminids are named for the constellation Gemini, from which they appear to originate. However, these meteors are actually pieces of 3200 Phaeton, the rocky remains of a comet that lost its ice-covered outer shell when it repeatedly got too close to the sun. Where to view: Go to a dark spot away from town lights. Bring a reclining lawn chair, warm clothes, and a hot drink.

Dog licenses are due by Jan. 1, 2013, in Bethel, Albany, and Mason. Licenses are available at the Town Office. Every dog older than 6 months needs a license. Fees are $11 per dog or $6 per spayed or neutered dog. Dog owners must present a current rabies certificate for their dog.

There will be a rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bethel Fire Station. The rabies shot costs $15 and only cash payments will be accepted. A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be there to license dogs from Bethel, Albany, and Mason.

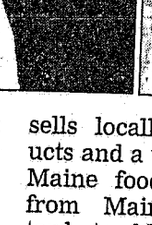
Are you looking for something different to do to celebrate the holiday season? The Christmas comedy, "Dashing Through the Snow," which has been performed by theater groups across the country, is now coming to Bethel. The Telstar High School Theater Department is presenting the play this weekend. The play starts tonight, Dec. 13, and runs through Saturday, Dec. 15, with performances at 7 p.m. each evening. There will be a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. All performances are at the Helen C. Berry Auditorium at Telstar. The play is for the entire family and admission is free.

If you're still looking for holiday gifts and want locally made products, check out Maine Line Products on Route 26 in Locke's Mills. The store sells locally made products and a wide variety of Maine foods, everything from Maine-made mustard to blueberry jelly. The wood shop is located at the back of the store and you can watch the work through the window. The store's annual Holiday Open House is this Saturday, Dec. 15, and Sunday, Dec. 16. Santa will be there on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check out the light display outside the store.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



This is, sorry to say, another week not being able to come up with news to share. Many of my calls went unanswered and some, though folks share things with me, prefer to keep it private. I do respect those wishes.

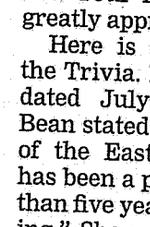
As the end of the year draws near, it is a time of reflection. Thus I ask your help for suggestions on how to serve you better with my column, what changes to make or not, etc. So, please let me know by calling me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the answer to the Trivia. In the Preface, dated July 11,1959, Eva Bean stated: "This history of the East Bethel Road has been a project of more than five years in the making." She must have been an amazing lady to have such dedication to see such a project through. It is true, all good things take time.

Alder River Grange #145 will hold a regular meeting on Dec. 14 at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street in Bethel. There will be a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Please bring something for the Food Pantry and cards if you wish to exchange cards for Christmas.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



We decided to go Christmas shopping this past week and so did a whole bunch of other people! The stores were full of shoppers and Christmas music was playing to get everyone in the mood to shop.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house this past weekend and picked up his Boy Scout popcorn that he had ordered. Brandon McLean left the order here when he dropped off mine.

Mary Tyler called with some news this past weekend. She took a trip to Sanbornton, N.H., to visit family. They met at Karen Cavney's house and Karen's niece, Angie, had slides to share of the recent trip her family took to Australia. This trip was granted by Make A Wish Foundation for Angie's son, Tyler.

Mary also said that a geologist from Bates College stopped and asked if he could check out the ledge outcropping behind her house. He was doing some work for the state regarding new maps.

Hugh and I had a visit from our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, this past weekend. She did not have any school on Friday, so she spent Friday and Saturday night with us. We had a very busy weekend.

On Saturday, the three of us went to Bethel to attend the play presented by the Western Mountains Senior College Players. Sidney enjoyed the performance very much. When we returned home, we mixed up a batch of sugar cookies. While they were chilling in the refrigerator, we ate the beef stew that we made earlier. After supper, we tackled the cookie dough. We rolled the dough out and used Christmas cookie cutters to make our cookies. After they baked, the fun really began with the decorating. There was frosting, colored sugar and M&Ms all over the table. Sid decorated three special cookies: one for Dad, Mom and her brother, Ajay.

The Senior College Players gave a performance last Saturday afternoon at the Moses Mason Exhibit Hall. The first performance "A Child's Christmas in Wales" was great, but I really enjoyed the second one "Memories of a Wonderful Life." I have always enjoyed Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey in the movie. All of the players did a "wonderful" job, but special mention goes out to Roberta Taylor who did a great job portraying George Bailey and to Mary Ellen Gartner who was George's ever understanding wife. Barb Dion was great as Clarence, the Angel, and she received her instructions from above. I have always wondered what a "voice from above" would sound like and now I know (Peter Gartner). Lorrie Hoeh narrated the performance and helped the audience participants with instruction and their lines.

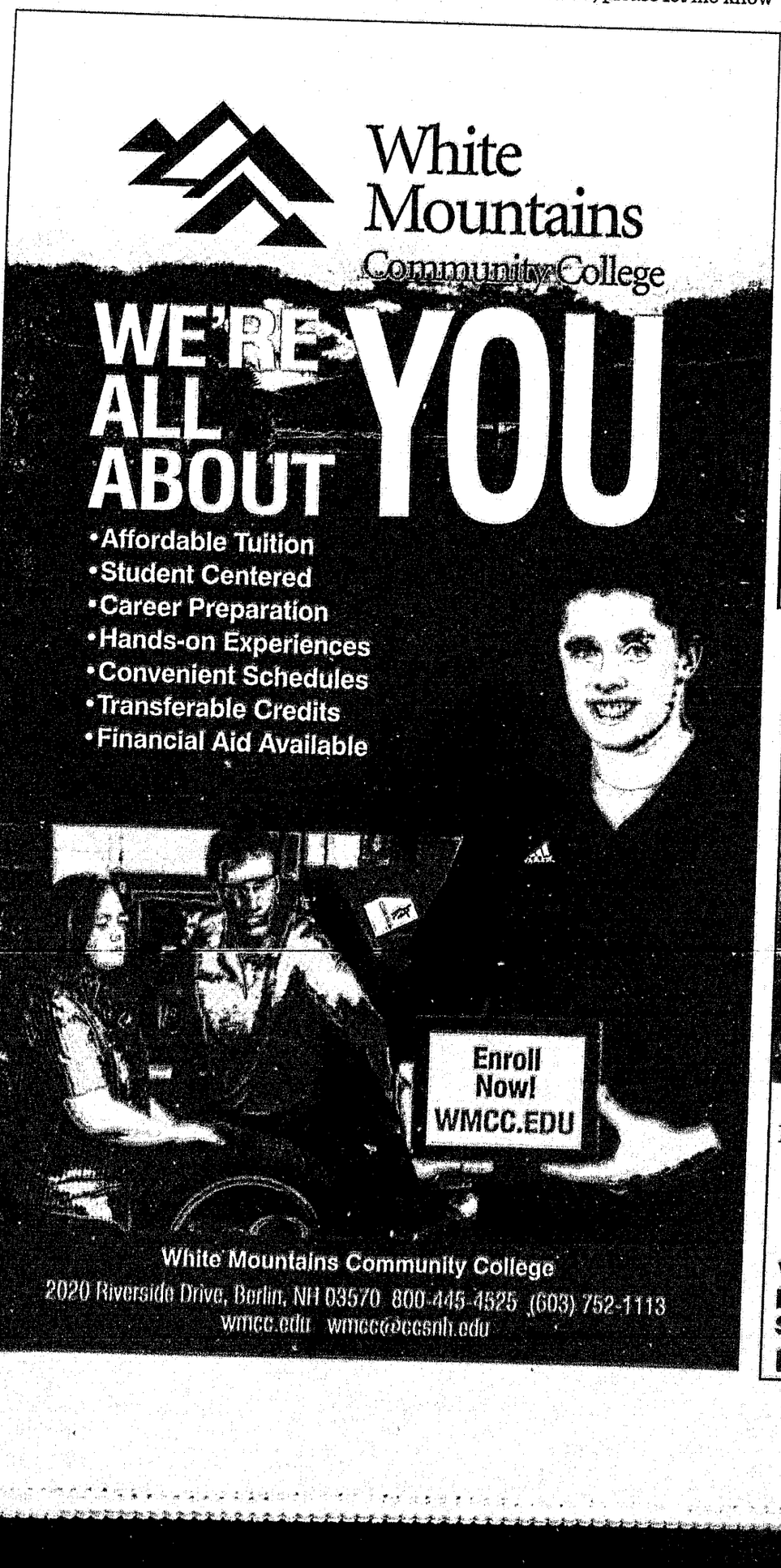
Steve and Lise McLain attended the benefit breakfast for Dan Cole last Sunday. Merle Cole stopped at our house for directions on his way to the breakfast. Hugh just happened to be out packing up the car to take Sidney back home.

Area Wildlife:

Mary Tyler reported a flock of about eight Evening Grosbeaks at her house. There were a couple of males and the rest were females. So far, we have not seen any at our feeder.

The only different wildlife that we have seen is a big white cat late one night last week and then early Sunday morning there was a big black cat that was sitting under the feeder and looking up at the birds.

Got news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com



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Upton

By JOE BERNIER

The Upton Ladies Aid Association plan to resume serving Sunday morning breakfasts after New Years. They are working on getting an exhaust fan installed above the grill.

The Planning Board will meet Jan. 25 in the town office.

Sasquatch, the Upton House cat (nicknamed "The Stone" because of its exercise habits) is coming out of its depression. A little fame and notoriety has gone to its head and it now acts as though it has royal blood, strutting and prancing (waddling really) around the yard and barn. Apparently the services of a cat physiologist will not be needed.

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Andover

By JANE RICH

Sympathy is extended to Nancy and Don Wardwell on the loss of their grandson, Joshua, who died as the result of a thin ice accident last week and to his parents Eric and Stephanie Wardwell of Oxford.

Despite the early morning inclement weather on Saturday, lots of people journeyed to Andover to participate in Christmas in Snow Valley. All three venues, the Fire Station, Town Hall and First Congregational Church CEB had lots of traffic, as Christmas shoppers were looking for the perfect gifts at bargain prices. As usual the food tables at the various locations were one of the biggest attractions featuring homemade fudge, pies and cakes. Santa arrived at the Fire Station at 2 p.m. to the delight of many area children. Winner of the sleigh raffle at the CEB was Judy Michaud.

Town Clerk Belinda Averill announces that nomination papers will be available at the Town Office on Wednesday, Dec. 26. There are two positions open this year for one Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor and a School Board member.

All you dog owners out there, be reminded that dog licenses are due Dec. 31, 2012. The fee is $6 for a neutered or spayed dog and $11 for a dog capable of producing young. Any dog that has reached the age of six months shall be registered, according to Maine State Law. Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination and proof the dog has been neutered or spayed. A late fee of $25 per dog is effective Jan. 1.

The Andover Withdrawal Committee has been working diligently considering the options pending withdrawal from SAD 44. This move is of interest to all taxpayers. The final decision will come in a special election sometime in the spring. Anyone interested in the process should be aware that the committee meets on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Andover Public Library.

The Andover Food Pantry will be distributing holiday food boxes and gifts on Dec. 18. Those in the community who have taken a yellow star from either the wreath at the Little Red Hen or the Christmas Tree in the CEB are reminded that the wrapped gifts should be taken to the church by Dec. 16, with the yellow star attached to the outside. The pantry would like to thank Karen Ellis for a generous gift of children's boots so none of our young people will have cold feet this winter. Also, thanks to those who went to the Good Shepherd Food Bank to pick up food this past week.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers held their annual Holiday Potluck Supper and club meeting on Dec. 5 at the clubhouse in Andover. Members and guests gathered at 6 pm to enjoy a delicious, varied menu of dishes from soup to nuts, enjoyed by all.

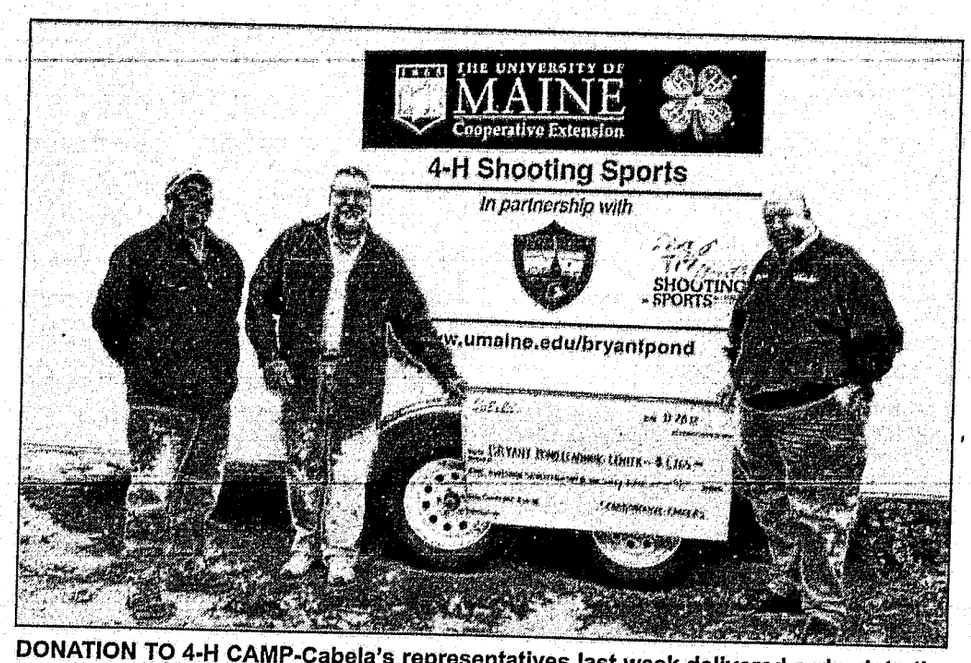
Following the supper a brief regular meeting was held, discussing issues of trail grooming, future plans for the clubhouse and interactions with the Maine Snowmobile Association. Highlight of the evening was drawing of the winner of the 50/50 contest, sales of chances have been going over the past few months. The lucky winner is Michelle Gannon of Andover - congratulations Michelle! Thanks to all who helped put this successful project together!

And an early visit by Santa's helpers will insure the Andover Elementary School Christmas Store will have a great assortment of fun and practical gift items for the students to obtain for friends and family. Another Thank You to generous Santa helpers. Such a fun project which benefits local children.

I'm always looking for news, and most often I get notices of meetings that are going to happen, but no follow-up as to what transpired.

If the secretaries of the various town organizations will e-mail me their club news, I will be happy to print it so that everyone here is informed of your plans for activities.

Call me at 392-3761 or e mail to jcrich@megalink.net. I'd appreciate it and so would the readers of this column.



DONATION TO 4-H CAMP-Cabela's representatives last week delivered a check to the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp & Learning Center for $1,765. The money was raised as part of their "Campfire" program and will support the fishing programs at camp. Pictured are, from left: Scott Olsen, Bryant Pond Leadership Team, and Paul Politz and Greg Sirpis from Cabela's of Scarborough. *(Submitted photo)*

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening is Prayer Meeting at 6:30. Children's program for Christmas will be Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. There will be a Christmas candlelight service at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23.

The Woodstock Extension will meet at Alice Hoyt's on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills on Thursday, Dec. 6, for a meeting, exchange of gifts and cards, and program by the Forestdale School Children. Dinner was served by the Auxiliary.

Next meeting will be Jan. 3 at the Town Conference Room with a potluck dinner. Items were brought for the food pantry and Children for Christmas. A silent auction will be held at the January meeting. Four new members joined. Everyone enjoyed the music by the Forestdale Christian School children.

Anyone with news, please call 665-2460 or send it to me at P.O. Box 105, Bryant Pond, Maine. 04219.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jerrold Emmons.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

Hanover celebrated the annual tree lighting last Saturday evening at the Town Office with a small but ambitious group of citizens and friends. Following an introduction by Select Board Chairman Brenda Lee Gross the tree lights were illuminated. Folks walked or drove to the Hanover Town House for snacks, hot chocolate and socializing.

Rumford Fire Department responded to a residence on Mill Hill Road for a carbon monoxide detector that was sounding a tone. After investigating it was determined there was no hazard present and the truck traveled back to the fire station.

In the late 1800s during the time of prohibition, an organization formed called The Good Templars to support complete abstinence from the use of alcohol by either sex. There was a chapter in Hanover that met in the Union Aid Society Building (Just a Hobby Antiques). The charter for that organization was stored at the hall

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for many years and was taken away for safe keeping when the building changed ownership. During the years since then Chris Howe has diligently worked to restore it to original condition. Last week he finished the restoration and donated it as a historic artifact to the Town of Hanover. It now hangs in the Town Office and everyone is urged to stop by to view it.

Holiday hours at the Hanover Town Office include being closed on Dec. 24 and 25. The office will also be closed on Jan. 1, 2013. If you wish to take advantage of the 2 percent tax break for your taxes you will need to pay before Dec. 31.

Keep in mind that our dog friends need their licenses before the end of the year. Hunting and fishing licenses need to be purchased before Dec. 31 if you plan to hunt or fish in January.

Donna and Clem Worcester from Hanover and Freeman Farrington from East Andover traveled to Brunswick last Sunday to attend a Knights of Pythias Christmas party.

Donna and Clem visited their daughter Jenny and her husband Matt Tirrell in Oxford Sunday.

ter Stephanie and her husband Eric. Josh was also the grandson of Donald and Nancy Wardwell of Andover. Our collective human heart aches greatly when we lose a young person. It aches now for all of Josh's family.

The Greenwood Selectmen had a busy meeting recently. They approved the new stricter State guidelines for general assistance.

They denied a tax abatement by Edward Johnson for a Greenwood Road camp that was burned earlier in the year as a fire training exercise. The reason for denial was that the burning took place after April 1, the start of the tax year.

They discussed renaming Lookout Mountain Road which is off the Hayes Road. At present it runs in two directions. One of them will need to be renamed. Residents are being contacted for name suggestions.

Greenwood firefighters have been receiving double-time pay on holidays. They told the Selectmen they are willing to receive simple straight pay for holiday work. Can you imagine that happening anywhere else? Thanks, Greenwood firefighters.

Greenwood Fire Chief Al Curtis, Jr., will be taking a 30-day medical leave of absence to recover from surgery. Ray Wakefield will serve as fire chief while Al is recuperating. Take care of yourself, Al, and best wishes for a good recovery.

The town office will be closing at noon Dec. 24 and re-open Dec. 26. The Planning Board determined that a site plan review application is not necessary for the proposed store at the site of the Round Pond Corner Store. This is because the property was previously run as a store. The application money was refunded and plans to open a new store can move forward.

Mt. Abram submitted a preliminary 10-lot subdivision proposal to the Planning Board. The proposed site is on Howe Hill Road and between West Side Lodge and Bear Lane.

A number of us focus on Christmas at this time of the year, but there are many holidays and celebrations now. Hannukah, the solstice, Kwansaa, Boxing Day, and more. All the celebrations and festivities have meaning and are also good ways to help us get through this cold and dark month. There is about one week left until the daylight begins to increase. Granted, it will only be by seconds, but they mount up over time. Those bright decorations and lights so many have put up are another sign of joy and light as we drive by. Share the season with all.

You can send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com

ROOSTER'S DONATES $5,000 TO CHARITIES; ALSO RECOGNIZED BY MAINE CHAMBER-The owners, staff and the patrons of Rooster's Roadhouse Restaurant and Pub in Bethel have recently made $2,500 cash donations to both the Bethel Rotary "Christmas for Children" fund and the privately run "Christmas for Families" local charities. Funds were raised throughout the year at various events including: an annual Oscar Party, a Fourth of July River Float and BBQ, and an Annual Holiday Customer Appreciation Party. A similar amount was donated to the same charities in 2011, and the restaurant has already started to raise funds to meet or exceed these amounts in 2013. Both chosen charities help to provide holiday gifts to local children and families in need at this special time of year. Pictured here is owner Steve Etheridge presenting a check to Bruce Powell, President of the Bethel Rotary Club. Chef/Owner Gary Szpara and cook Lorraine Milligan also presented a check to Nina Wheeler, founder of "Christmas for Families." On Nov. 26 the Maine State Chamber of Commerce recognized Etheridge, a member of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, who received the 2012 Chamber Volunteer of the Year award. He was nominated by Robin Zinchuk, BACC executive director.
(Submitted photo)

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

Sympathy and caring goes out to Butch and Esther Fuller and their family on the death of their grandson Josh Wardwell. Josh was only 17 years old and died in a drowning accident last week. I remember him when he was a little boy and would visit Butch and Esther. He was the son of the Fuller's daugh-

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

This weekend was full of ice and sleet and rain and a little bit of snow. The yard still looks like a winter mess. There isn't really much snow, just a little icy mess.

We started out, Monday afternoon and decided there was nothing we really needed that we couldn't get on Tuesday, so we just went to the end of our road and got the mail and came home.

Now it is up to us to go on Tuesday and get what we need, i.e.milk and butter for David, coconut/almond milk and veggies for me.

So off we are on this Tuesday a.m. to Hannaford and maybe beyond, then it is back to cook for a potluck tonight and maybe something for later in the week.

Wednesday is 12/12/12, a once-in-a-lifetime date. It looks so even and neat to me and I do not know why. Maybe I can Google it somehow and find something significant. For now I just like its neatness!

Thursday, Dec. 13, ACOA will not meet at Waterford Library. Anyone needing information can call 739-9115.

This weekend, on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m., Waterford Library will hold their annual Community Gathering with Candlelit Caroling on the Waterford Commons and refreshments at the library.

Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and receive a free book as a gift. All are welcome.

Monday, Dec. 17, Knitting Group will meet from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Waterford Library. FMI please call the library at 583-2050.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, the Gingerbread House will invites children 5 through 12 to make a graham cracker gingerbread house at the Norway Library on Main Street. FMI please call 743-5309 ext 4.

Happy Chanukah to all who celebrate it. Merry Christmas later.

That is all for this week. Stay safe and have a great week.

Primetime Ski Club

It seems that Jack Frost has decided to nip at our nose and toes this mid December. How good it is for all of us Prime Time Skiers who have finally gotten our yards clear of leaves. The skiing was good for all the skiers above intermediate levels in early December, but the skiing will certainly be fabulous by the time this article is before your eyes. The Sunday River Snow Factory, the Wizards of Winter, is working night and day with 1,900 snow guns, and so we skiers in the "prime" of life may begin skiing now, at the ski area with the most dependable snow in New England.

The Prime Timers are a group now boasting a membership of 130 adult skiers over 50 years old with intermediate to advanced skiing ability. Our motto is "No one needs to ski alone." To that end PT members who are at the Mountain meet daily at 10 a.m. at the North Peak Lodge for a quick get together, and then we break off into small informal groups of skiers (4 to 8) for the rest of the morning. We are primarily a social group, and we get together away from the Mountain for potluck dinners as well as local restaurant fare from time to time. We also do a few good deeds: this season we helped fund the purchase of new jackets for Maine Adaptive Ski instructors, as well as generally support Maine Adaptive Skiing and the local Mahoosuc Land Trust.

Come and join us. See what we're about at www.primetimeskiclub.com. Don't forget the Sunday River Winterfest Dec. 14 - 16.

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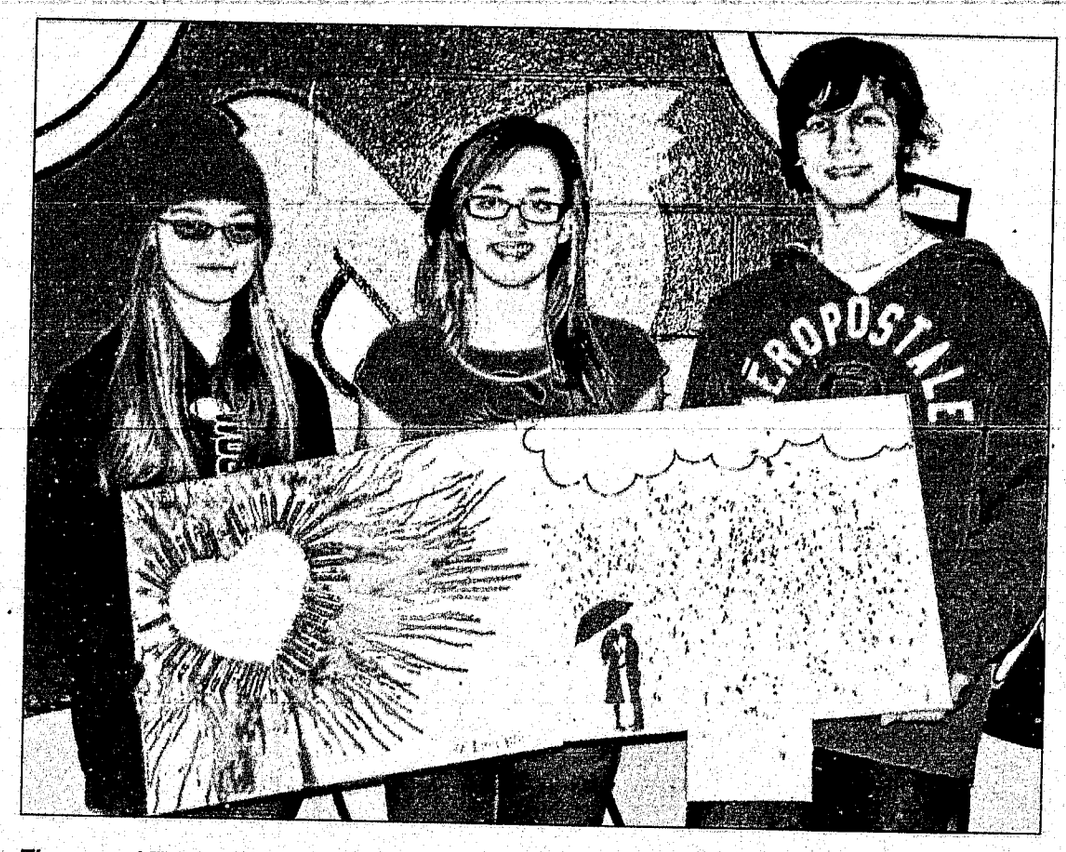
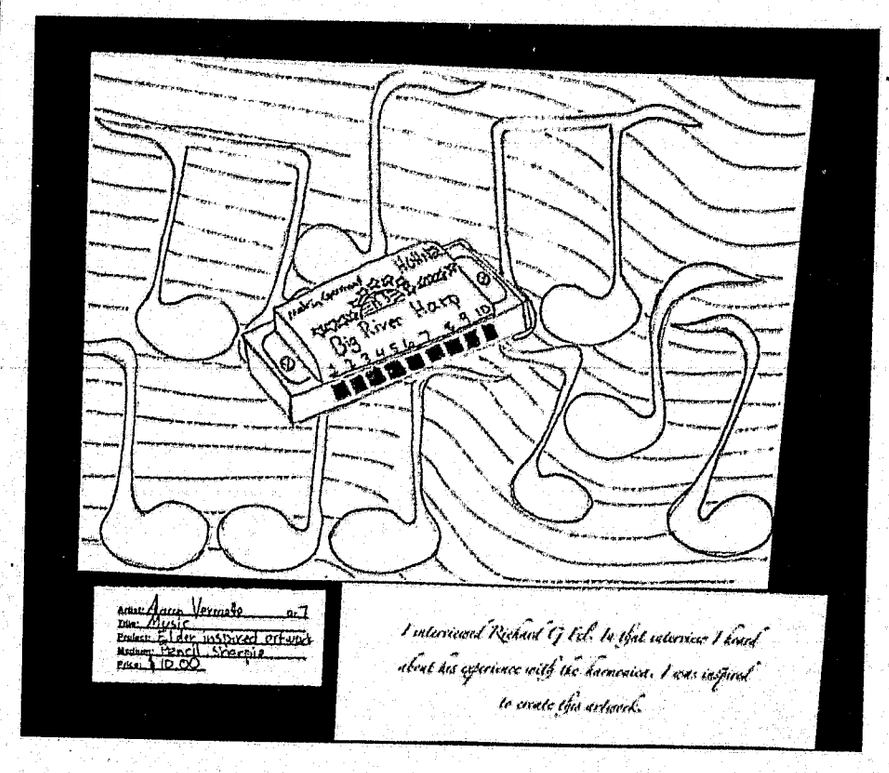
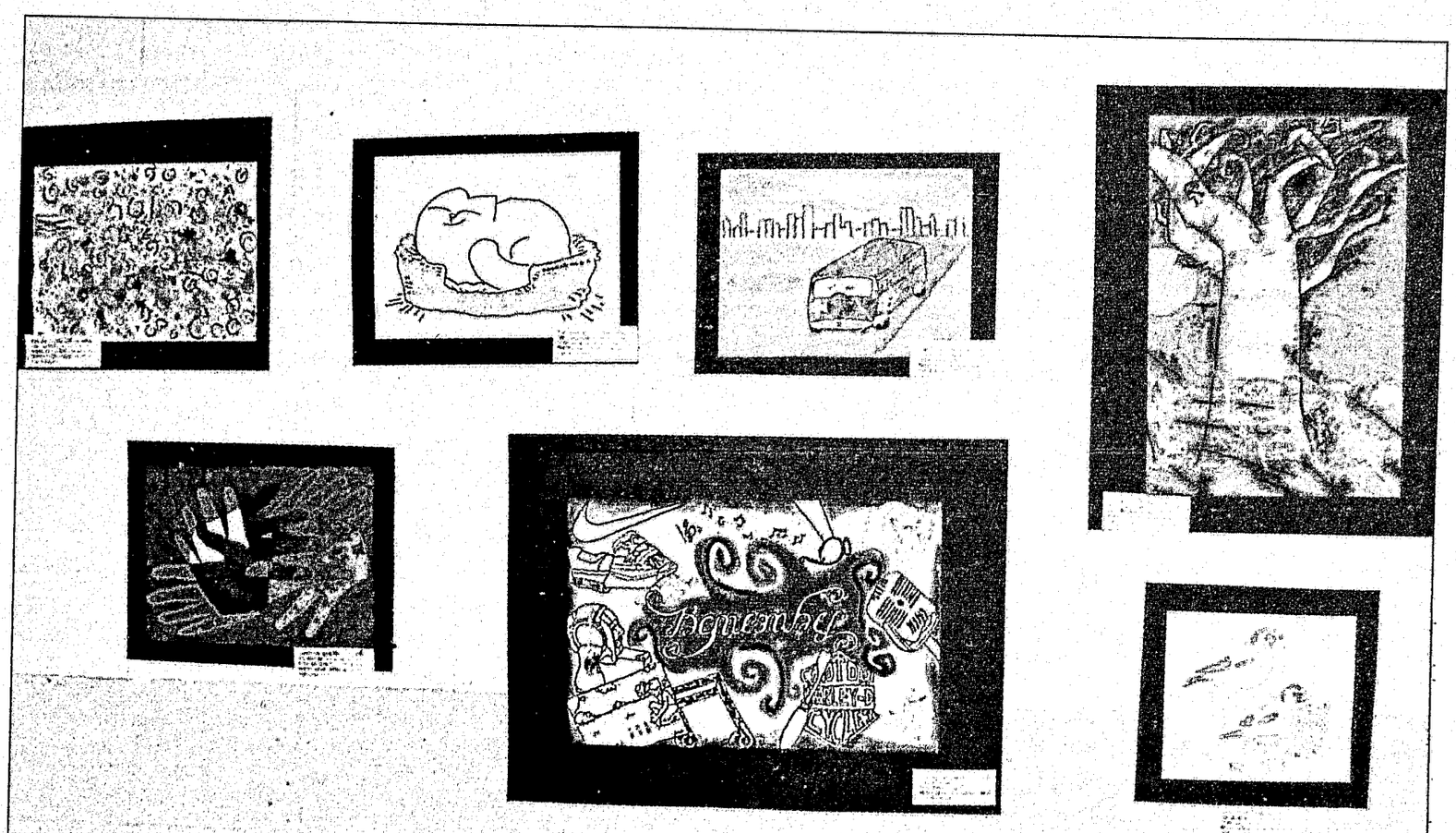
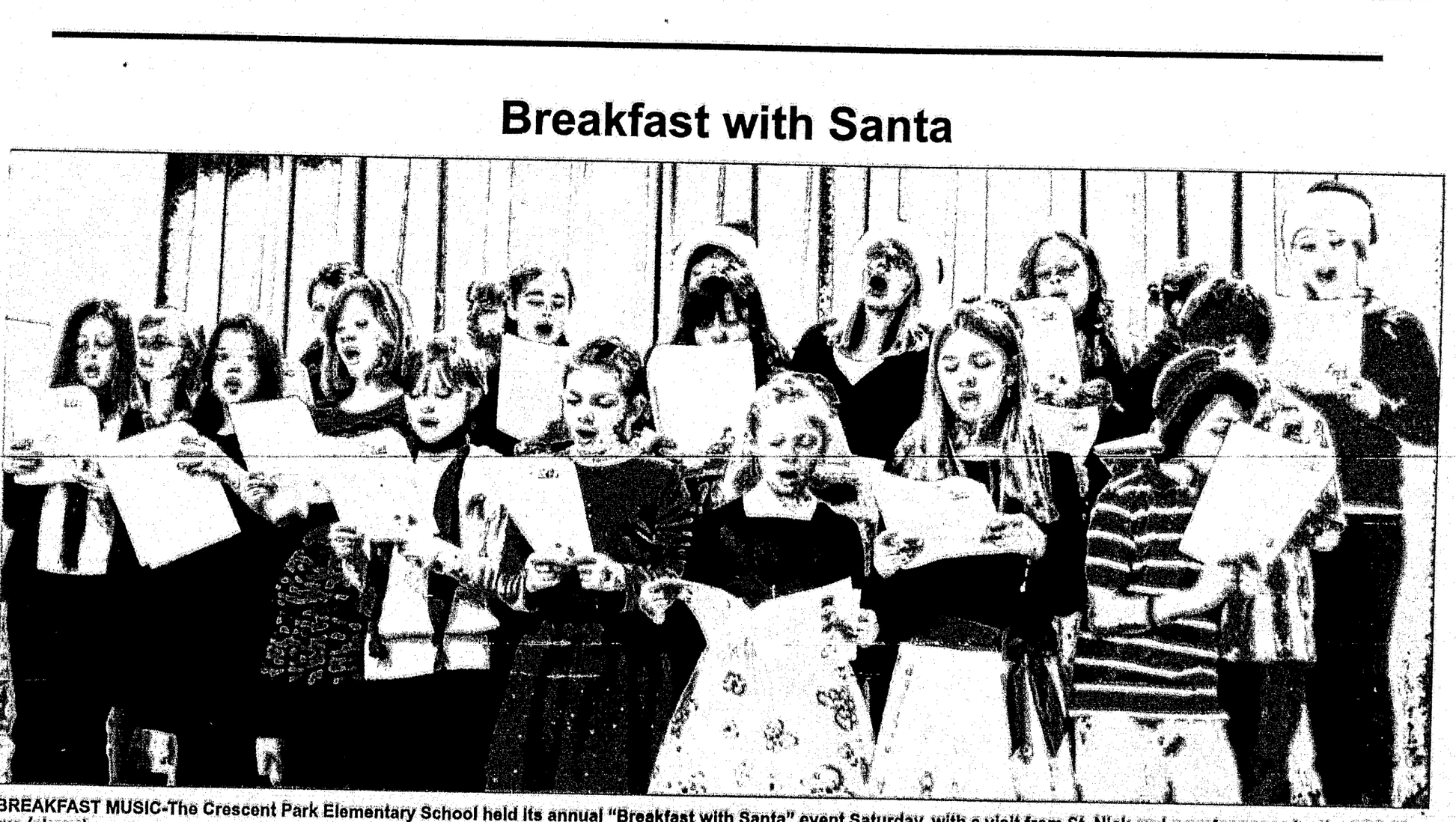




The annual Telstar Middle School ArtReach Jamboree took place last week and included an art show displaying the combined works of TMS students and older adults. Above, Souix-Ann Tuttle, Abby Marshal, and Harold Burrington holding two collaborative-effort pieces. Above right, an illustration of local musician Richard Felt's harmonica by Aaron Vermette. Right, more artwork. A musical show followed the art show. Richard Felt & Friends were the last performers of the evening. The group included Irving Cole, "Cack" Bean, Bertha DeHaas, John Stanley, Tom Coolidge, Kevin O'Reilly, Russ Murley, Denny Breau, and Richard Felt. The band performed three old-time dance favorites, and then were joined on stage by the Telstar Middle School Chorus. Together, they all performed "Red Sails in the Sunset" (below), followed by a rendition of Hank Williams' "I Saw the Light," including all the Jamboree performers and audience members as well. *(Photos: art, Tatum Brown; musicians, Melissa Prescott.*



Breakfast with Santa



BREAKFAST MUSIC-The Crescent Park Elementary School held its annual "Breakfast with Santa" event Saturday, with a visit from St. Nick and a performance by the CPS Chorus (above).
(Photo: Tatum Brown)

Whitman Library news

Seasons Greetings from the Whitman Memorial Library. We have been busy this fall and are continuing our monthly programs. They are usually on the second Thursday of the month, but occasionally we have to change because of other conflicts. So watch the paper for announcements.

The January schedule is on track for Thursday, the 10th, with Arla Patch speaking about her work on the Truth and Reconciliation and the Maine Wabenaki State Child Welfare.

Jennifer Locke of South Paris currently has her Mandala art work on display. Come in and enjoy. Jennifer will be doing a program for us soon. Several people have already expressed an interest in how to do it.

This month we had a good turnout for our Christmas craft program. About a dozen people showed up and made tree ornaments and enjoyed the projects.

As always we thank our presenters. Their time and talent is donated and we certainly appreciate them.

The library now has Wi - Fi and there is no charge to use it. We hope it will be helpful to people.

We are going to try having an ongoing book sale in the library basement. We are asking $1 for hard cover books, 50 cents for paperbacks and $1 for videos. We have lots of classic videos on VCR cassettes. DVDs are the popular way to go now, but if you still have a VCR, come in and look at what we have.

We have lots of new books since the last library column. Two children's books, "The Buggiest Bug" by Carol D. Shields and the graphic novel type is called "Lost Trail" and is the story of Don Fendler and his 9 days alone in the wilderness. We want to thank the Oxford County Educators Association-Retired for those donations. They have undertaken a project of giving one or two children's books to every library in Oxford County every year. What a great project!

New Hampshire author Jodi Picoult has written a novel for young adults, with her daughter, Samantha Van Leer. It is called "Between the Lines." If you are a Jodi Picoult fan you will want to check this out.

Other books are: "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert, "The Road to Grace" Richard Paul Evans; "The Silver Boat" Luanne Rice; "Prague Winter" Madeleine Albright; "Afterwards" Rosamund Lupton; "Escape from Camp 14" Blain Harden; "The Fiddler" Beverly Lewis; "Loving" Karen Kingsbury; "Return to Grace" Karen Harper; "The Proposal" Mary Balogh; "Tuesday's Child" Fern Michaels; "The Garden Club" Lori Wilde; "At Hidden Falls" Barbara Freethy; "Where We Belong" Emily Griffin; "Friends Forever" Danielle Steele; "The Great Escape" Susan Phillips; "The Innocents" Francesca Segal; "Beautiful Ruins" Jess Walter; "Wild" Cheryl Strayed; "Missing" Maggie J. Davidson; "Summerland" Elin Hilderbrand; "The Inn at Rose Harbor" Debbe Macomber; "The Caregiver" "The Survivor" Shelley Gray; "The Light Between Oceans" M.L. Stedman; "One Thousand White Women" Jim Fergus; " Merry Christmas Alex Cross","Zoo"James Patterson; "The Bridesmaid" Beverly Lewis; "The Sisters" Nancy Jenson.

Our next board meeting will be on Jan. 17, 2013 at 2:30. Anyone can attend. Please let the librarian, Althea Hathaway, or town manager, Vern Maxfield, know if you have any item of business you would like us to deal with.

Come and check us out. You don't have to be a Bryant Pond resident to take books out of our library.

AUDIENCE ON STAGE - Audience members at all four holiday performances of the Senior College Players held at the Mason House Exhibit Hall over the weekend got into the spirit of the season by joining in singing and sharing their talents on stage. Lynn Arizzi, director, said this Christmas gift to the community was enjoyed by nearly 150 people. During the Senior Citizens matinee (as pictured), Lainey Cross volunteered to taxi cast members Roberta Taylor and Mary-Ellen Gartner in the play, "Memories of a Wonderful Life." *(Photo: J. Arizzi)*

PTA established at Telstar

Dec. 4 marked the beginning of an official PTA for the Telstar Middle School! The need for our support at this critical level of education can be met when we communicate with families more effectively. We can harness the power of PTA to:

--Increase Parent involvement and volunteerism

--Partner with other community organizations

--Realize measurable results in student achievement.

PTA can help implement new programs to enhance arts education, science, promote healthy lifestyles and qualify for grants and awards to support such programs.

Next month on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, TMS PTA will assemble to vote on the officers for the year ending June 2013. The terms of office are one year.

If you are interested in running, or are able to nominate a willing party, please call 824-2136, or e-mail Clark Rafford rafford@sad44.org ext. 502), Sharon Silver (silvers@sad44.org ext. 500), or Mark Kenney (kennym@sad44.org ext 113).

Parent involvement has consistently equaled success for students; let's get connected!

Sports

Telstar's Nik Conrad puts up a shot at Friday's home basketball game against Wiscasset. Wiscasset prevailed, 53-35. *(Photo: Tatum Brown)*

TMS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 33, Mt. Abram 19; Dec. 11-The Lady Rebel JV team opened its season with a 33 to 19 victory over Mt. Abram. Defense was the key to the victory with all the ladies stepping up to the task. Scoring is as follows Olivia York (6), Hayley Peterson (8), Annie Cushman (2), Katie Merrill (8), Blair Stevens (6), and Kirstie Haas (2). The Rebels next game is Thursday 12/13/12 at Carrabec.- Coach Scott Haines

Mountain Valley Rec League

Week Two in the Mountain Valley Rec League saw the three favorites take advantage of the underdogs. With a six-team format this year, it appears there are three teams who will vie for the top spot unless there is a substantial change in the infrastructure. Although several of the win-less teams are primed for upset mode.

In game one, Bethel Bobcats (2-0) trounced Archies (0-2), 93-68. Bethel was led by Matt Zetts with 20 points, Sean Caddigan 18, Ryan Savage 14, Wade Osgood 11 and Matt Newell 10. Archies got 21 from Mike Holmquist and 11 each from Issac Roberts and Jarrod Chessie.

Game two was the best game of the day with LBI (2-0) holding off a game Black Bear Industrial squad (0-2), 109-99. LBI got balanced scoring from Eric Canwell 29 points (5 threes), John Benjamin 22, Glen Dubois 20 (5 threes), JT Taylor 13 and Owen Jones 12. Newcomer Eric Talyor fired in 51 and 10 threes for BBI, followed by Ryan Conrad with 21 and Myles Whitlock with 11. In the finale Hotel Rumford (2-0) annihilated The Thundercats (0-2), 109-24. Hotel's Craig Milledge had a game high 35 points and Issac Stickney 29, Kevin Gallant 22, Andy Shorey,Jr. 15 rounded out the scoring. The Thundercats had no players in double figures.

Next week, Sunday, Dec. 16, LBI visits Hotel Rumford in an early season match-up of the top two Rumford teams at 10 a.m. At 11:30, Bethel Bobcats host Black Bear Industries in a potential tough contest. In the last game of the day, at 1 p.m., Archies and The Thundercats see who can get their first win of the season.

Telstar Varsity Boys' Basketball season outlook

Seniors: Capt. Nick Mills, Capt. Rick James, Capt. Mike Delduca, David Mason
Juniors: Nik Conrad, Austin Ryerson, Tyler Cherkis
Sophomores: Maverik Griffin, Noah Rose, Zac Wheeler,
Freshman: Cameron Pike

This year's team will have to use their quickness to create easy baskets. Because of the lack of size we won't be able to just come down the court and throw the ball inside to our post people. This group of boys has worked hard at practice every day trying to get better. – Coach Mark Thurlow

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff.; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided.Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on-Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a,m; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singsperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., (July and Aug. 9 a.m.) Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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Community Calendar

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel, Monday-Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on the third Wednesday every month. For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

West Paris Baptist Church will foster wellness for anyone searching for faith-based support (grief, loss, addition, codependency, abuse issues). Meetings: Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments FMI: Terrence Eldridge (674-3205).

Master Gardener Volunteer training offered by University of Maine Cooperative Extension in 2013. Training will focus on fruit and vegetable production, composting, season extension, botany, soil science and pest management. Locations: Wednesday afternoons at Region 9 Technical School, Mexico and Thursday evenings at the South Paris Extension office. Class sizes limited. For an application, or more information, call (800) 287-1482, 743-6329 or visit http://umaine.edu/oxford/programs/oxford-county-master-gardener-volunteers/

Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit. Location: Second Thursday of every month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway.

Seasonal Public Skating, Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, $3/Children 12 and under, $2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

Alzheimer's Support Group, Rumford Community Home, 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. Meetings held the third Wednesday of every month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. FMI: Sue Ellen Richardson or Terry Drury (364-7863)

Dec. 13, 14

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Annual Christmas Sale**, Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Proceeds to benefit the Ledgeview Activity Department. Sale ends Friday, Dec. 14 at noon.

Dec. 13, 14, 15

7 p.m. – **"Dashing Through the Snow,"** Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar. A 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, Dec. 15, in addition to the 7 p.m. show. Free family entertainment presented by Telstar High School's theater department. Donations accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

Thursday, Dec. 13

5 to 7 p.m. – **Business after Hours**, the Philbrook Place.

Friday, Dec. 14

6:15 p.m. – **West Paris Library Winter Lights.** Horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday cookies, mulled cider. Songs by Agnes Gray Explorers and sing along accompanied by Jim Burke. FMI: 674-2004.

6:30 p.m. – **"Holka Polka!"** presented by Kids Create Theater Company and Mahoosuc Kids Association, Crescent Park School. FMI: Julie Hart (824-7007) or Amanda (890-4160).

7 p.m. – **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**, 49 Franklin's Mystic Theater, Rumford. Tickets available at All That Jazz and Bartash's. FMI: Call 369-0129 or visit http://www.49franklin.com.

7:30 p.m. – **The musical score for A Charlie Brown Christmas** presented by the Heather Pierson Quartet, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Adults, $10/Seniors (65+) and students, $5. FMI call 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Saturdays, Dec. 15, 22, 29

7 to 10 p.m. – **Jones Dance Band**, Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Tickets $5.

Dec. 15 and 16

9 a.m. – **Breakfast with Santa**, Oxford Pizza Hut. Food, music, and fun with Santa and his elves. Proceeds benefit the Maine Heart Gallery's photo display of children awaiting adoption in Maine. Adults $6/Children 12 and under $4 (cash and checks only). Reservations required; contact Karen Dubois (539-4217).

Saturday, Dec. 15

1 to 3 p.m. – **Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides**, Bethel Village.

1 p.m. – **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club's Potluck Holiday Party**, Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. FMI: Contact John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com).

1 to 5 p.m. – **"Aida" Metropolitan Opera Live in HD**, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Adults $26/Seniors $23/Students $18.

2 to 4 p.m. – **Rabies Clinic**, Bethel Fire Station. $15 – cash only.

7:30 p.m. – **A Heritage Christmas**, First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, South Paris. Performances by Androscoggin Chorale and Lewiston High School Chamber Choir, accompanied by Bridget Convey. Adults, $18/Seniors, $16/Students $9/Children 12 and under, free. Tickets: Call 782-7228 or visit www.mainemusicsociety.org.

Sunday, Dec. 16

4 p.m. – **Night of the Father's Love**, Christmas Cantata, Locke Mills Union Church. Directed by Bev Melville. Refreshments following. FMI: Joyce Hathaway (674-2259).

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – **Christmas Open House**, 1838 Kimball-Stanford House, Lovell. Raffle, book-signing, bake sale, children's activities, and more. FMI call 925-3234 or visit lovellhistoricalsociety.org.

2 p.m. – **Christmas Caroling**, North Waterford Congregational Church Vestry, Five Kezars Road (opposite Melby's Market).

5 p.m. – **Waterford Library Community Gathering.** Candlelit caroling from Waterford Common to the library for refreshments. Children will have an opportunity to visit Santa, and will receive a book as a gift. All are welcome.

Monday, Dec. 17

10 a.m. – **Essentials of College Planning**, Maine Educational Opportunity Center. Free workshop for adults 19 and over at Western Maine University and Community College Center, 232 Main Street, South Paris. FMI/registration call 1 (800) 281-3707 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

3:30 p.m. – **Free Gingerbread House Event**, Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Children ages 5-12 invited to make a graham cracker gingerbread house. To register, call Annika (743-5309 ext. 4).

7 p.m. – **Telstar Middle/High School Winter Concert**, Helen C. Berry Auditorium. Performances by Telstar's middle and high school bands and choruses. Snow date: Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

9 a.m. to 12-noon – **South Paris Area Veterans** – The Veterans' Advocate will visit the Maine Veterans' Home.

Thursday, Dec. 20

6:30 p.m. – **"Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate"** presented by Kids Create Theater Company and Mahoosuc Kids Association, Woodstock Elementary School. FMI: Julie Hart (824-7007) or Amanda (890-4160).

Saturday, Dec. 22

1 to 3 p.m. – **Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides**, Bethel Village.

Sunday, Dec. 23

5 p.m. – **The Living Nativity**, Bethel town common. View this scene performed by local people, and live animals.

Monday, Dec. 24

5 p.m. – **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**, North Waterford Church.

7 p.m. – **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**, Bethel Alliance Church.

Saturday, Dec. 29

5 p.m. – **Full Moon Hike**, Mt. Abram. Transportation for your skis and boards provided. Enjoy the hike, and then ski/ride down to the Loose Boots Lounge for live music and great food. $5 fee for transportation of backpacks and boot bags.

Monday, Dec. 31

8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. – **New Year Dance**, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Music by the Jones Dance Band. Refreshments. Tickets: $10. Reservations: Betty Decoteau (743-7965).

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdaysof the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 5:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Cycling rides leave from Bethel Bicycle. There are two groups, one riding a little longer and faster, and the other, the 'Easy Rider' group, riding slower and shorter.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

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Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - "US" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters
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4 Letters
BUSY
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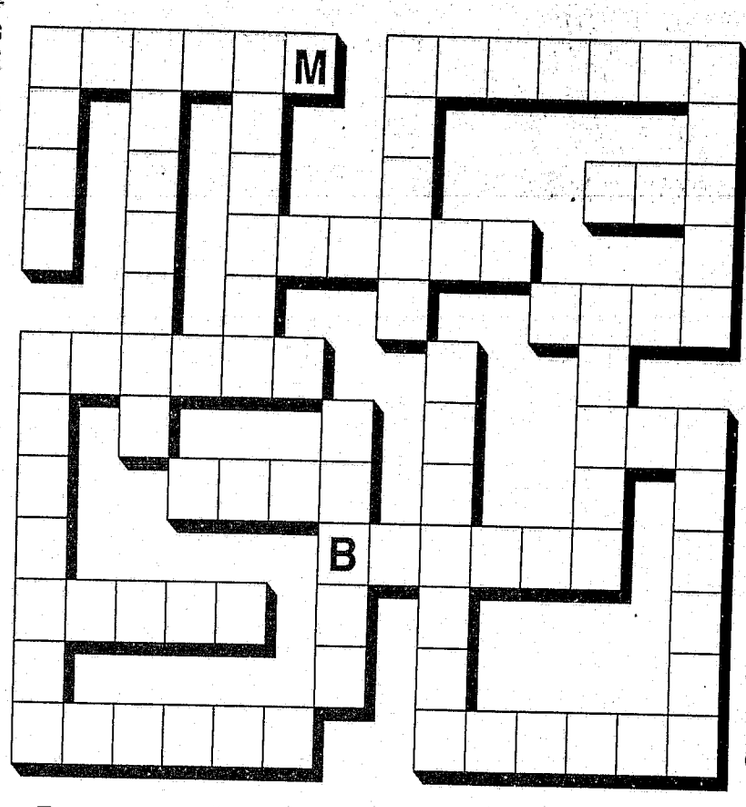

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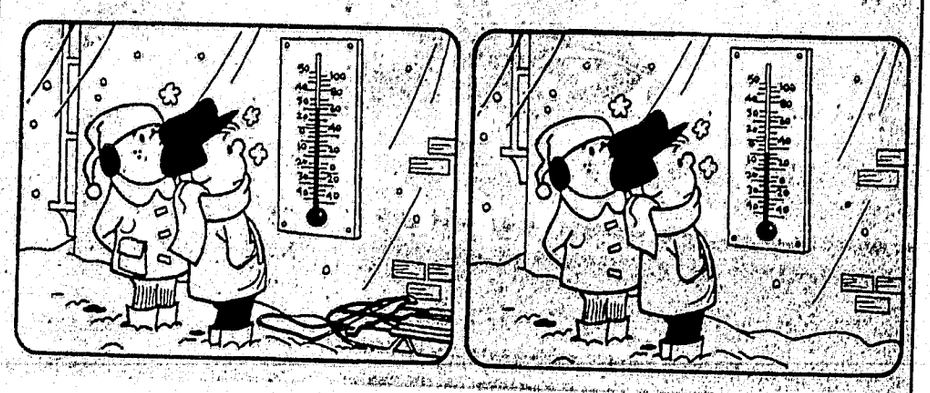
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Window is smaller. 2. Tassel is shorter. 3. Pocket is missing. 4. Scarf is shorter. 5. Temperature is lower. 6. Sled is missing.

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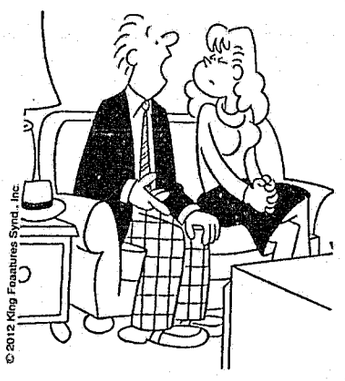
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Grow: PAXDEN
Brief: THORS
Whine: ROGUES
Motion: NICOTA

TODAY'S WORD



"Tell me, Joyce, if I was on TV right now, would you _ _ _ _ _ _ channels?"

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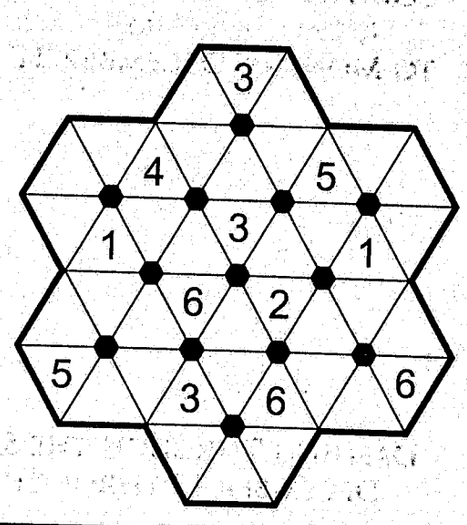
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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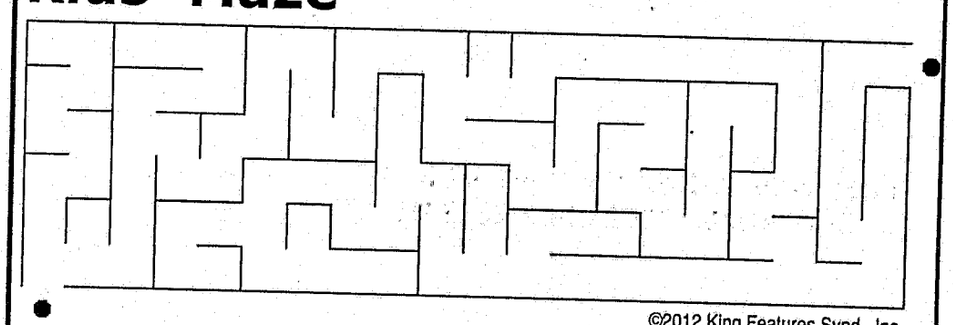
Kids' Maze



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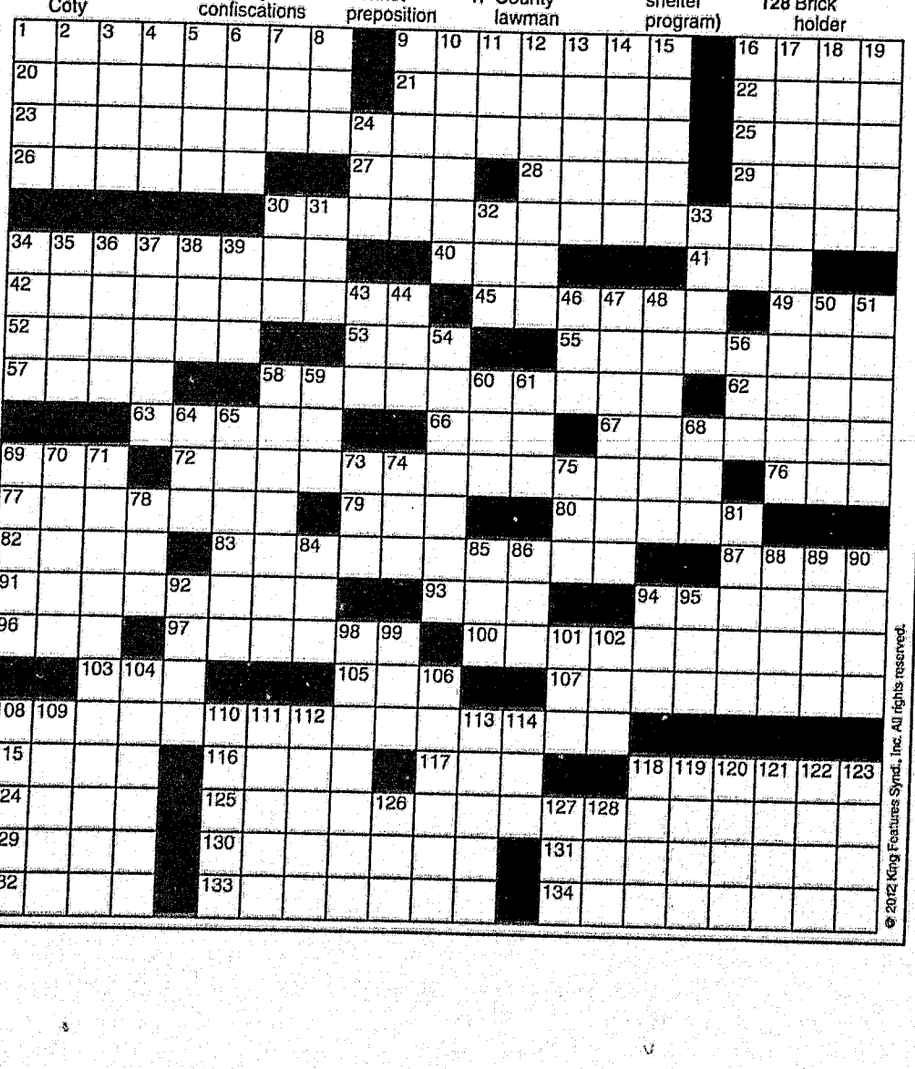
Super Crossword

GETTING EFF-ENDED

ACROSS
1 Disjoined
9 Spanish rice dishes
16 Little newts
20 Spoken test
21 Shekel earner
22 Boatloads
23 "If I Were a Rich Man" musical
25 Dirt-dishing Barrett
26 Appraises
27 Here, to Jean-Luc
28 Medical school subj.
29 Unkosher
30 San Francisco tourist area
34 Field of flight technology
40 King, in Nice
41 U.S. immigrants' subj.
42 Treat for the prodigal son
45 Gentlemen: Abbr.
49 Booker T. & the —
52 Luau hellos
53 Tiny charged thing
55 Online gabbing site
57 France's Coty
58 Do some written legal summarizing
62 "Laura" director Preminger
63 Back-country
66 George's lyric-writing brother
67 Country-pop singer Eddie
69 Polar laborer
72 Government bailouts, e.g.
76 "Phooey!"
77 Rust away
79 "... goes, — go!"
80 Under penalty —
82 Korea's continent
83 Crease to create two equal sides
87 "If only — known"
91 Germinate again
93 "Boy!"
94 Topped cracker
96 Tiny bit
97 Surpluses
100 Coq au vin maker, often
103 Ecol. monitor
105 "Bang!"
107 Property confiscations
108 Not be ailing
115 Sitar music
116 Purvey
117 It's not gross
118 South Pacific island
124 "Have — a deal for you!"
125 Be beaten by
129 Nixing mark
130 Quaint batting game
131 See 33-Down
132 Canine lines
133 Some apples and potatoes
134 "Definitely, count me in!"

DOWN
1 Big couch
2 Discord deity
3 Hippies' digs
4 Alan of films
5 Have faith in, with "on"
6 Tree fellers
7 La Brea gunk
8 Funny Philips
9 Toss
10 More pale
11 Sonnet preposition
12 Wyoming city
13 Singer Lewis
14 Take out — (borrow cash)
15 Puts through a strainer
16 Rare — (some elements)
17 Wallpaper design, often
18 Printer ink
19 Walking stick
24 "— for Noose" (Grafton novel)
30 TV regulator
31 "... — joy forever"
32 CD- — (PC insert)
33 With 131-Across, U.S. Military Academy students
34 Way, way off
35 — of tears
36 Take — faith
37 Alternate
38 Classy org.?
39 Airport requests
43 — Abner
44 Adversary
46 — -fi movie
47 County lawman
48 Nadal of tennis
50 Mobster John
51 Struck, biblically
54 Getting exactly right
56 Burgle
58 Die down
59 — de la Cité
60 "It's chilly!"
61 Actress Charlotte
64 ET craft
65 Coyote's kin
68 Art teacher's deg.
69 Digital greeting
70 "— turn" (dreaded game instruction)
71 Game using a flying disc
73 Lightning —
74 Jackie's #2
75 Cyber-guffaw
78 Blame
81 Cringe
84 P.O. item
85 Playboy nickname
86 — Lingus
88 "Ver-r-ry funny"
89 Adopt- — (animal shelter program)
90 Dicts. are full of them
92 Nonfictional
94 Ovid's 300
95 Spa sigh
98 Hunks
99 Trinity part
101 Slim fish
102 Rubber check abbr.
104 China items
106 Assailed
108 Artist Kahlo
109 Raring to go
110 "Hell — Heroes" (1962 film)
111 Reeves of "The Matrix"
112 French feminine plural pronoun
113 Small paving stones
114 Ending for ordinals
118 Part of a dog
119 A.D. part
120 Sharp Aquos, e.g.
121 "Ah, yes"
122 Legal wrong
123 "Assuming that's true ..."
126 Hole in one
127 Prefix with dermis or glottis
128 Brick holder



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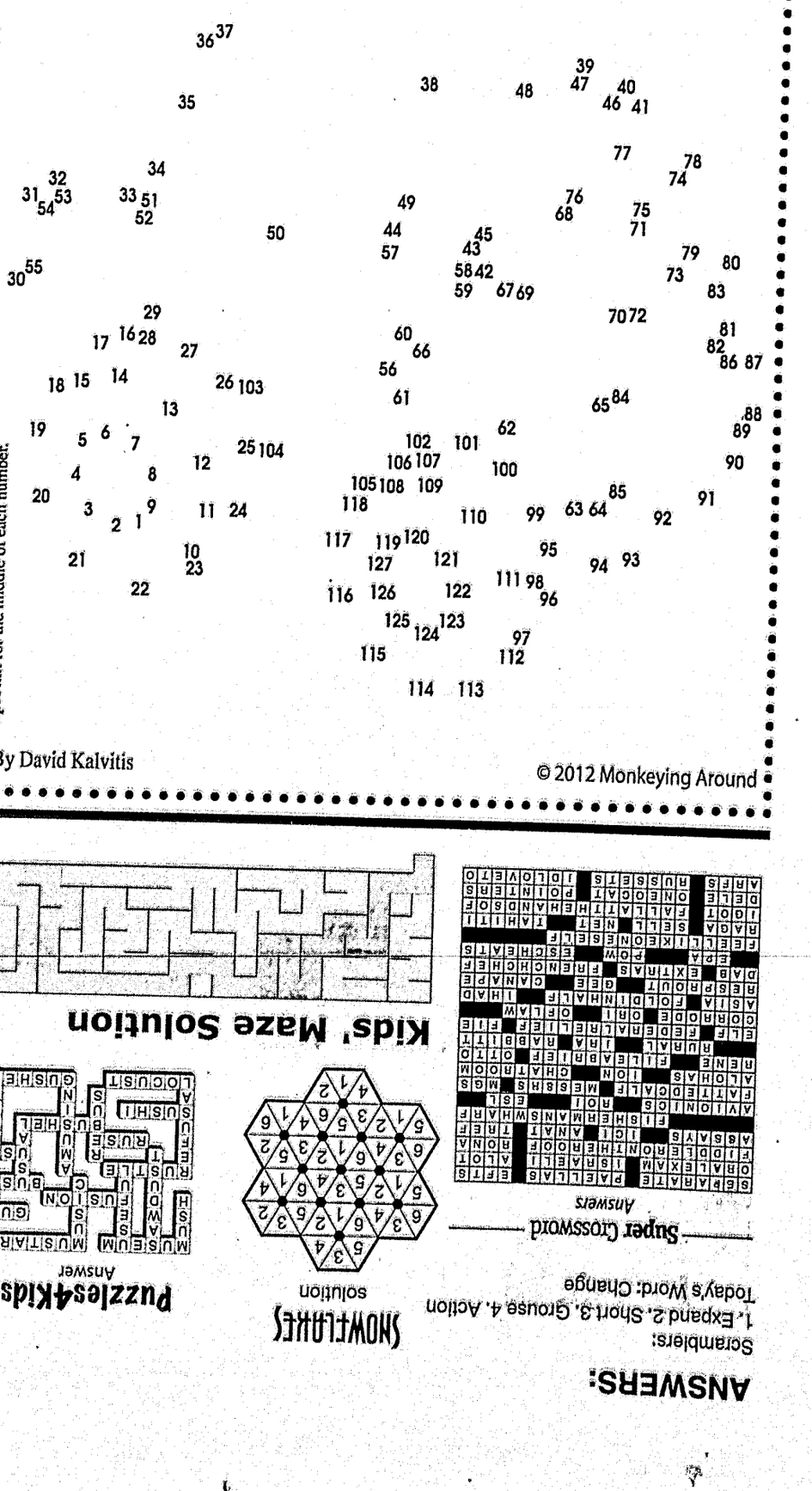
No Dots
Connect Numbers: 1 - 127



Tip: Aim for the middle of each number.

By David Kalvitis

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ANSWERS:

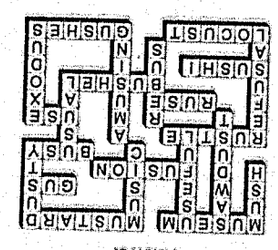
Scramblers:
1. Expand 2. Short 3. Grouse 4. Action
Today's Word: Change

Super Crossword
Answers

SNOWFLAKES solution

Kids' Maze Solution

Puzzles4Kids Answer



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holiday GIFT GUIDE

Happening Around Town

Country Christmas in Bethel Friday, November 23, 2012 to Monday, December 24, 2012

Country Christmas in Bethel is weekends Thanksgiving to Christmas, with a few mid-week activities also. Local Craft & Wares Fair (Nov. 23), Breakfast with Santa, Greens Sale, Christmas Fair & Tea, Jingle Bell Run, arrival of Santa & Christmas tree lighting (Dec. 1), Saturday afternoon wagon rides through historic Bethel village, Santa Sunday at Sunday River (Dec. 2), open houses, shopping specials, holiday concerts, Living Nativity. All create a fun, country-Christmas atmosphere! FMI, call the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282.

"Dashing Through the Snow" December 13 through 15

7 p.m. Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar. A 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, Dec. 15, in addition to the 7 p.m. show. Free family entertainment presented by Telstar High School's theater department. Donations accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Saturday, December 15, 2012

1-3pm Thank you to the Smokin' Good BBQ and the Good Food Store for making these wagon rides possible for all to enjoy. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm.

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Saturday, December 22, 2012

1-3pm Thank you to the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance for making these wagon rides possible for all to enjoy. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm

The Living Nativity Sunday, December 23, 2012

A live re-enactment of the nativity using real people and live animals is very inspiring! This event is held outside every year on the Bethel village common. Dress warmly and come to the Bethel town common on at 5:00pm. View this this scene performed by local people...and live animals. A Bethel tradition -- so sweet. Carols will be sung too and you may join in. Which local family will play Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus this year?

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Saturday, December 22, 2012

1-3pm Thank you to The Glen House / Sunday River Rentals for making these Sunday wagon rides possible for all to enjoy. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm

Quick and Easy Ideas for a Great Christmas Breakfast!

Rise & Shine Breakfast Souffle

1 lb. ground sausage, browned and drained
9 eggs
3½ cup milk
1 t. mustard
6 to 8 slices bread, cubed
1½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese
10¾ oz. can cream of mushroom soup
4 cups corn flake cereal, crushed
½ cup butter, melted

Mix sausage, eggs, milk, mustard, bread, cheese and soup in a bowl; spoon into a greased 13"x9" baking pan. Cover; refrigerate overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking; set aside. Combine cereal and butter; sprinkle over egg mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Serves 8 to 10.

Overnight Apple French Toast

1 cup brown sugar, packed
½ cup butter
2 T. light corn syrup
4 Granny Smith apples, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
3 eggs
1 cup milk
1 t. vanilla extract
9 slices day-old French bread
1 cup applesauce
10 oz. jar apple jelly
½ t. cinnamon
1/8 t. ground cloves

Combine brown sugar, butter and corn syrup in a small saucepan; cook over low heat until thick. Pour into an ungreased 13"x9" baking pan, arranging apple slices on top of syrup. Beat eggs, milk and vanilla in a mixing bowl. Dip French bread in egg mixture and arrange over apple slices. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking, and uncover. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, until the top of the bread is browned. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients in a saucepan and cook over medium heat until jelly is melted. Serve French toast with apple slices on top and spoon the warm sauce over the apples. Serves 6 to 8.

Overnight Caramel Pecan Rolls

2-3.4 oz. pkgs. instant butterscotch pudding mix
1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 cup chopped pecans
½ cup chilled butter
36 frozen rolls, divided

Combine dry pudding mixes, brown sugar and pecans in a bowl. Cut in butter; set aside. Arrange half the frozen rolls in a lightly greased Bundt® pan. Sprinkle half the pudding mixture over top. Repeat layering with remaining rolls and pudding mixture. Cover loosely; refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Invert onto a serving plate. Serves 10 to 12.

Sugarplum Bacon

½ cup brown sugar, packed
1 t. cinnamon
½ lb. bacon

In a bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon. Cut each bacon slice in half crosswise; dredge each slice in brown sugar mixture. Twist bacon slices and place in an ungreased 13"x9" baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes, until bacon is crisp and sugar is bubbly. Place bacon on aluminum foil to cool. Serve at room temperature. Makes 8 servings.

Bacon & Egg Potato Skins

2 baking potatoes
4 eggs, beaten
1 to 2 t. butter
salt and pepper to taste
¼ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
¼ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
4 slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
Optional: sour cream, chopped fresh chives

Bake potatoes at 400 degrees for one hour, until tender. Slice potatoes in half lengthwise; scoop out centers and reserve for another recipe. Place potato skins on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 6 to 8 minutes, until crisp. Remove from oven. In a skillet over medium heat, scramble eggs in butter just until they begin to set. Add salt and pepper; remove from heat. Spoon equal amounts of eggs, cheese and bacon over each potato skin. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for 10 minutes, until cheese is melted and eggs are completely set. Garnish with sour cream and chives, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Vanilla & Cream Syrup

1 qt. maple syrup
14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
1 T. cinnamon
¾ t. nutmeg
1½ t. vanilla extract

Mix all ingredients together; pour into a covered container. Keep refrigerated up to 2 weeks. Makes about 5 cups.

Orange Slushy

6 oz. can frozen orange juice concentrate
¼ cup sugar
1 cup milk
1 t. vanilla extract
12 ice cubes

Place all ingredients in blender; blend to desired consistency. Serves 2.

Hot Cocoa Nog

1 qt. eggnog
3 cups milk
½ cup chocolate syrup
1 T. vanilla extract
½ t. nutmeg

Combine eggnog, milk and chocolate syrup in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir constantly until heated through; add vanilla and nutmeg. Serves 4.

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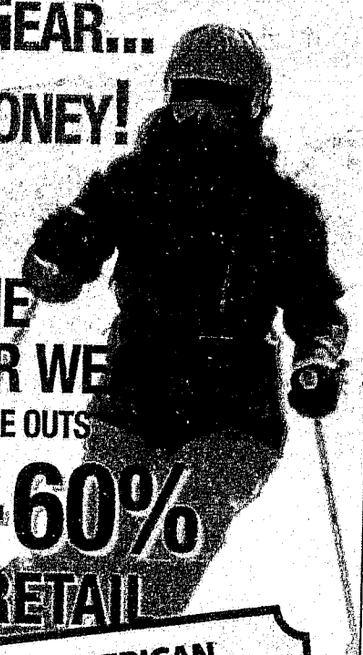

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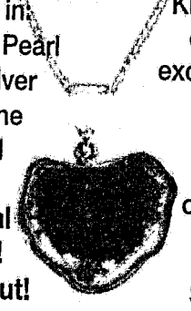

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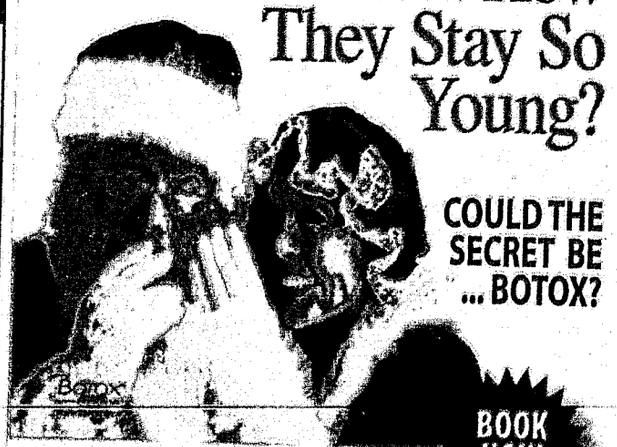

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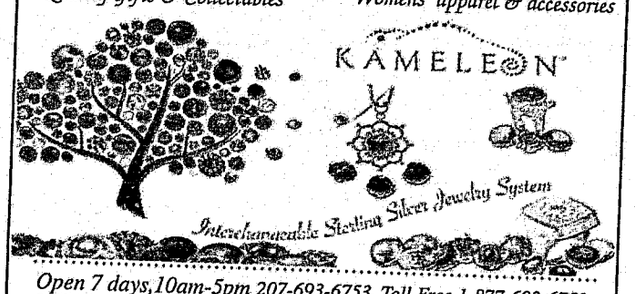

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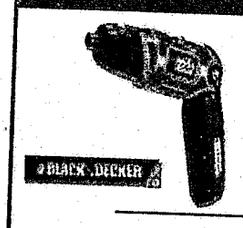

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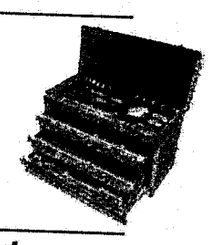

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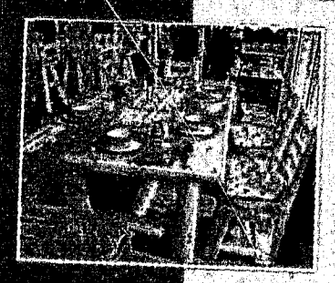

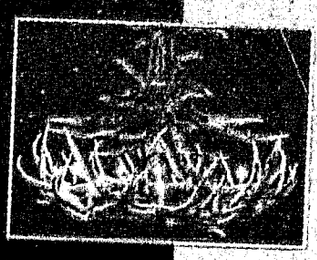

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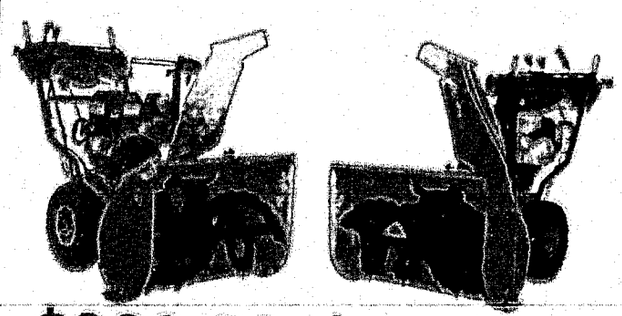

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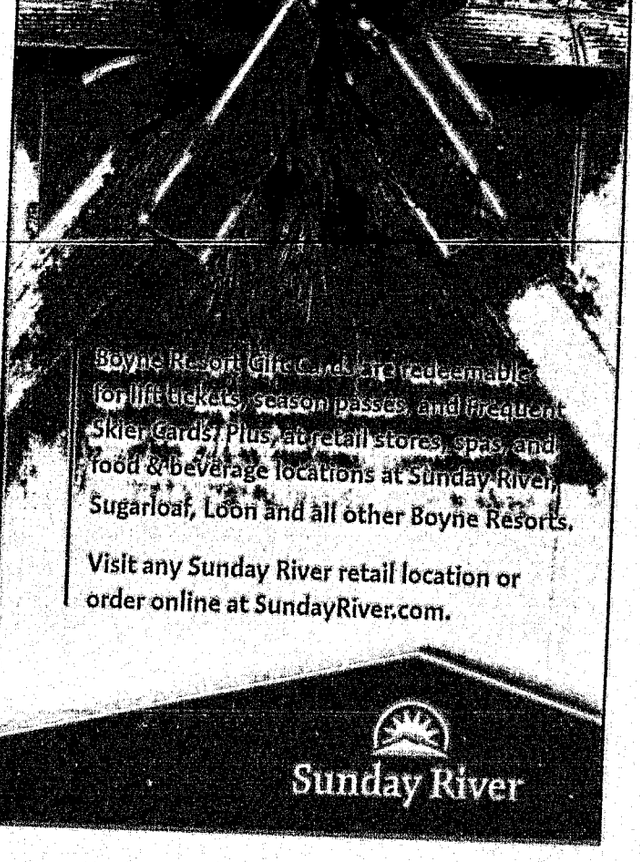

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Gift ideas for the family globe-trotter

The perfect holiday gift isn't always easy to find. Shoppers may scour the malls looking for ideas or spend countless hours online in the hopes of landing the gift that is sure to make their loved one's holiday unforgettable.

When shopping for the holidays, shoppers often discover that the best gifts are the ones that speak to a person's passion. A sports fan, for instance, might want nothing more than tickets to watch his favorite team play. When catering to a person's interests, shoppers should find out what that passion is and then the process of finding the perfect gift becomes a lot easier.

Of course, passions can vary. For those with an on-the-go loved one who's seemingly always planning his or her next globe-trotting adventure, the following gift ideas are sure to please.

The Backpacker

Travelers come in many shapes and sizes. Those who prefer backpacking through the woods instead of jetting off to the nearest island resort may love a new backpack. When shopping, don't look for backpacks tailor-made for students. Instead, visit your nearest outdoor store and look for a bag that's sturdy and capable of storing a variety of items needed for camping. Daypacks are smaller and made for campers who frequently take day trips or shorter overnight trips. These packs are lightweight and boast enough room for a small amount of supplies. Medium-duty packs typically provide more storage and support than smaller daypacks. They often feature internal frames and can be used when backpacking through a variety of trails. An expedition pack will be larger and is ideal for campers who need to carry a lot of weight because they tend to go on longer camping or hiking trips.

The Road Tripper

Despite the high cost of fuel, some people still feel road trips are the best way to travel. Travelers who can't get enough of the open road would benefit from a gift card to a filling station, which can drastically reduce the cost of their next adventure. When going this route, shoppers should be sure to buy a gift card to a filling station their loved one is bound to encounter on the road. The card won't do much good if drivers won't be able to use it. Before purchasing a card, call the company or visit their Web site to ensure they have locations along your loved's one route.

Another thoughtful gift for the family road tripper is a membership to a roadside assistance service like AAA. Such memberships can prove invaluable if or when your loved one's car breaks down. These prepaid memberships ensure drivers will have access to emergency roadside service, discounts at many hotel chains across the country and even maps and directions to help them plan their next trip. The cost of membership is relatively inexpensive, but it can save travelers substantial amounts of money should a car not prove as reliable as its owner hoped.

The Jetsetter

For those who feel travel is best done in style, one of the often dreaded parts about following their wanderlust is sitting in airports or on airplanes as they anticipate the adventures that await them at their destinations. Such restlessness might be quelled with an e-reader that enables travelers to read books, stream movies and television shows and update their status via social media apps so their friends and family can follow them on their adventures.

Some new luggage may also make a jetsetter's holiday that much better. While a completely new set of luggage might break the bank, consider a nice duffel bag or a small travel bag with room for toiletries and other small items no traveler can do without.

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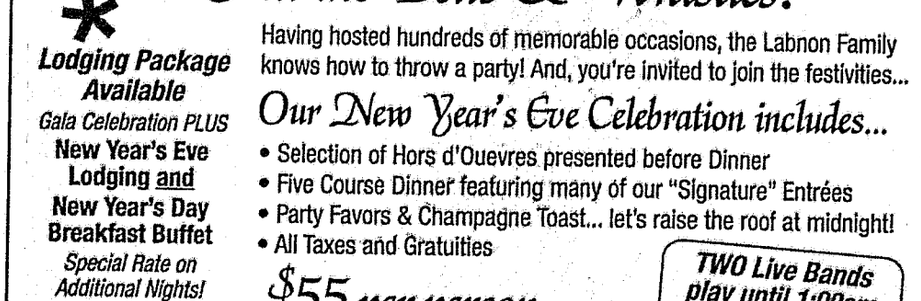

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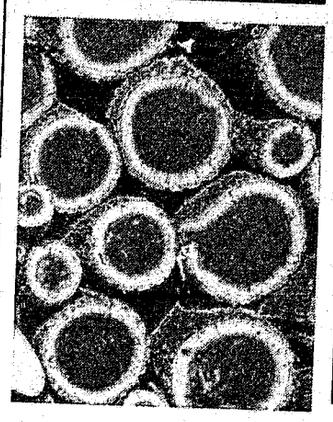

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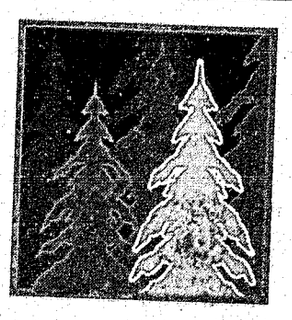

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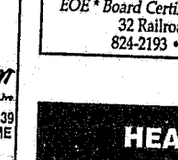

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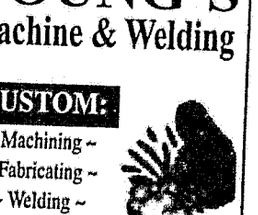

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1. Lone Pine Road: From Newry/ Bethel town line to the gravel turnaround at end of Lone Pine Road and the beginning of Berry Lane; Provide necessary engineering, layout and construction for Full Depth Reclamation of existing pavement, compact, fine grade and pave reclaimed area with 2" lift of MDOT 19.0 mm mix, place shoulder backing material.
Approximate dimensions of Lone Pine Road: 3150' long x 18' wide.

2. Sunday River Road: From Skiway Road intersection to Monkey Brook Road intersection; Provide necessary engineering, layout and construction shim with 3/4" lift of MDOT 9.5mm mix, overlay with a 1" lift of MDOT 9.5mm mix, place shoulder backing material.
Approximate dimensions of Sunday River Road segment: 6288' long x 24' wide.

These projects shall meet the requirements of the contract, which includes portions of the most recent edition of the MAINEDOT Standard Specifications.

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Bid Opening: Monday February 4, 2013, 4:30 pm.

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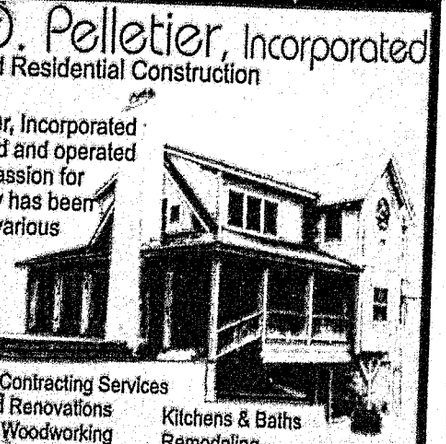

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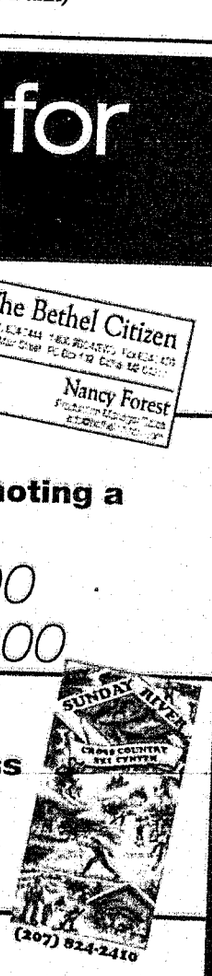

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Obituaries

JOSHUA H. WARDWELL

Joshua H. Wardwell, 17, of Oxford, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

He was born in Lewiston on April 19, 1995, the son of Eric and Stephanie Fuller Wardwell. He was a senior at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School and was active in the Autotech program. His plans were to go on to college for criminal justice. He wanted to be a game warden.

Just a few weeks ago he went on a ride along with the Androscoggin County Sheriff's office. He loved riding roller coasters with his Papa and cousin Micaela. He was an avid outdoorsman, excellent skier, water skier and motor cross racer; he recently got his Class A permit with the Carhartt Boys.

He loved trapping with Shaun Wilcox. His first trap ever was a coyote. He also attended the Trappers Convention in Bethel with Shaun. He climbed Mt. Washington and then skied down Tuckerman's Ravine.

He was a member of the Mt. Abram Ski School for two years and he was on the downhill ski team while in 7th and 8th grades. He enjoyed hunting; he got his first deer this year, and he spent time tapping trees to make maple syrup with his Dad.

He had a passion for planes. He was in the process of building his own and was a member of the Civil Air Patrol where he achieved the rank of Cadet Commander and was named Cadet of the Year in 2008. He loved his animals, Sandy, Shelby, Charlie and Levi.

He is survived by his parents of Oxford; his sister, Meghan and her fiancé Kevin; his grandparents, Don and Nancy Wardwell and Gary and Esther Fuller; his great-grandmother, Arlene Harrington; his aunt, Shannon Smith and her husband Andy; uncles, Jeff Wardwell and his wife Sally and Wayne Wardwell and his wife Jayme; his cousins, Hannah Smith, Brooke Wardwell, Travis Wardwell and Andy Wardwell, and a special cousin, Micaela Smith; and his motorcycle friends, Randy McAllister, Taylor Moore and Kevin Scribner.

A Memorial service was held on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, South Paris.

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to Responsible Pet Care, 132 Waterford Road, Norway, ME 04268.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

JOSEPH N. ROY

Joseph N. Roy, 74, of Rumford, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, at the Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, Maine. He was a resident of South Rumford.

Born in Rumford, Maine on May 3, 1938, he was a son of Lucien Albert and Mavis (Corkum) Roy. He attended Rumford schools. He was a member of the National Guard and served in the US Army as a PFC. He worked as Maintenance Supervisor for Boise Cascade.

Joe was a member of Blazing Star Lodge 30 AF&AM where he served as Past Master and was currently Treasurer. He was High Priest of Royal Arch 56. He was a member of Napoleon Ouellette Post 24, American Legion and was a CHIPS Program Coordinator. He was a stock car driver and was an avid fan; he enjoyed playing Beano and watching Western Movies.

He was married in Mexico, Maine, on Dec. 24, 1957, to Faye Williamson, who survives of Rumford. Other survivors include two sons; N. Joseph and his wife June of Rumford and Jeffrey and his wife Andrea of Rumford; a daughter, Annette Marin and her companion Dusty Cochran of Carthage; six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Shirley Staples of Rumford; a brother Ernest Roy and his wife Joyce of Peru. He was predeceased by two sons Craig Alan Roy and Albert Francis Roy.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford, Maine. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Dixfield. Those who desire may contribute to the Blazing Star Lodge Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 501, Rumford, ME 04276 in his memory.

Bethel Veterans' Monument List

The Maine Archives veterans list only goes up as far as Vietnam. Below is a very short list of Veterans the committee has who went in from Albany, Bethel, Grafton or Mason for conflicts after Vietnam. If you went into any of the armed services, guard or reserves after Vietnam, had an honorable discharge, with a home of record of any of the above towns and your name is not on this list please provide the committee with a copy of your discharge paperwork (DD 215, DD215 or WD form) to verify eligibility for inclusion on the honor roll.

If you need to get a copy of your DD forms, contact the Bureau of Maine Veteran's Services at 207-430-6035 and request an application to apply for your DD form for proof of residence or Home of Record. You can also order military records by going to www.vetrecs.archives.gov. Fill out the form online, print it, sign it and send it in. Or request Form SF 180 from the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Mo 63138. They will send the form for completion, you will send it back to them at the address indicated on the form and they will send a copy of your records. There is no charge for this service.

Lebanon (1982 – 1984) – none listed to date
Granada – 1983 – Chris Greska, Mt. Will
Panama (1989)
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James Blake, Desert Storm, Riverside; Alan W. Buckman Jr. Desert Storm, So. Bethel
Somalia (1993)
Bosnia (1994 – 1995)
Kosovo (1999)
Afghanistan (2001 – present)
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Please get back to one of the following committee members by Dec. 21 with any information you may have. You may mail or e-mail any changes of information to the following committee members: Jane Ryerson, P.O. Box 152, Bethel, Maine 04217 e-mail: carjar95@megalink.net or you can call 207-357-2772, or Ramona Grover, 183 Kings Highway, Mason Township, ME 04217, e-mail: rlgx2@megalink.net or call 207-836-2802.

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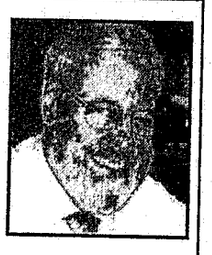
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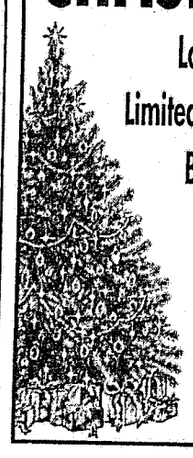
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Love, Bette Gilbert

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